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Three winners shared yesterday's Times Portfolio prize – one of them a nine-year-old girl, the youngest winner so far. Miss Jane Ridley (aged nine), from Norwich, Ms Marilyn Stock, from Combe Martin, North Devon, and Miss Linda Boyd, of Leigh, Tonbridge, Kent, each receive £666.66p. Report and photograph, page 3; Portfolio list, page 18; how to play, information service, back page

Miners resubmit conditions for talks resumption

● Miners' leaders agreed to attend peace talks provisionally arranged for Sunday but only if the coal board accepted union terms, including retention of loss-making pits

● The TUC signalled its willingness to end a six-month boycott of tripartite discussions with the Government and employers' leaders within Neddy

● Next week's threatened disruption on the railways seems certain to be called off after British Rail gave union leaders assurances about the industry's future

● The transport union attempted to step up the national dock strike by calling on all its members in the docks to withdraw their labour Page 2

By Paul Routledge, Labour Editor

Miners' leaders agreed last night to go to fresh peace talks aimed at settling the six-month-old pit strike – but only on their own terms.

The National Union of Mineworkers has resubmitted its three-pronged demand for the retention of loss-making collieries as a basis for reopening negotiations with the National Coal Board, provisionally fixed for Sunday night.

A venue for the talks has been arranged in Scotland, but it was not clear last night whether the coal board would accept the terms laid down by the miners for the restart of the peace process.

An exchange of letters yesterday prepared the way or a resumption of negotiations. The coal board sent a hand-delivered message to Mr Peter Heathfield, the union's general secretary, at his hotel in Brighton, proposing the new round of peace talks.

The letter, signed by Mr Kevin Hunt, deputy industrial relations director, said: "Following the chairman's most recent offer I confirm that we will be at a mutually agreed location at 7 pm on Sunday, September 9.

"If the time or date would inconvenience the NUM, we will agree a mutually convenient arrangement.

"I hope you will attend so that the problem on which our talks broke down in July can be solved, and that the closure of uneconomic pits can be dealt with in accordance with the principles of the various reports on the Plan for Coal.

"I hope also that you will constructively discuss the *manner in* which the *huge* investment that we are willing to make in the industry can be applied and operated so as to create a successful and prosperous industry benefitting all miners, their families, and the nation.

"I expect to see you on Sunday, or at an early date that is mutually convenient."

The coal board's insistence in its letter on talking about "uneconomic" pits indicates that there has been no change in the approach of the coalboard, and the reply, telexed back by union leaders, discloses that they have not shifted their ground either, and the prospect for a swift settlement emerging from the discussions is accordingly not thought to be good.

In his response to the board, Mr Heathfield said: "I am in receipt of your letter dated September 5, reiterating Mr MacGregor's offer to reopen negotiations with the NUM on Sunday at a mutually agreed location.

"I hope the board will attend this meeting so that the matter on which you broke off negotiations in July can be resolved, and that you will now drop your demands for the closure of so-called uneconomic pits which started off the dispute, and which is of course in violation of Plan for Coal.

"We hope therefore that *when the two sides meet the* coal board will be able to confirm its verbal undertaking to:

1: Withdraw the pit closure programme announced on March 6.

2: Keep open the five pits – Polmaise (Scotland), Herrington (Durham), Cortonwood and Bullcliffe Wood (Yorkshire), and Snowden (Kent), currently under closure threat.

3: Reach agreement with the NUM regarding the exhaustion of colliery reserves on the basis of Plan for Coal.

"As indicated previously, we want to see an expanding and developing industry in line with the Plan for Coal, and in the interests of British miners, their families, and the entire nation. We await your reply."

The coal board is considering the letter.

● The Prime Minister will interrupt her visit to Scotland for a special meeting tomorrow of the Cabinet committee on the pits and docks disputes.

Coal production, page 2



Winning smiles: Mr Mulroney and his wife, Mila, celebrate victory in their home town of Baie Comeau, Quebec

Soviet leader appears in public

From Richard Owen Moscow

President Chernenko, widely believed to be seriously ill after a mysterious seven-week absence, yesterday reappeared at a Kremlin ceremony honouring Miss Svetlana Savitskaya and two other cosmonauts.

He seemed under strain however and badly short of breath, walking stiffly into the room and barely smiling, despite his description of the occasion as "joyous" and the upbeat style of his speech.

Soviet television showed Mr Chernenko, who will be 73 this month, putting on his spectacles and standing to read a prepared text. He handed cases containing the Order of Lenin to Miss Savitskaya, Colonel Vladimir Dzhanibekov and Mr Igor Volk, the crew of Soyuz T12, which docked with the space station Salyut 7 in July.

The soviet leader appeared infirm and ill at ease comared with Miss Savitskaya, who made a fluent speech of thanks in reply, speaking extempore.

The uncertain health of the aging Soviet leadership was underlined yesterday by the death in East Germany of Mr Leonid Kostandov, the Deputy Prime Minister, who suffered a heart attack at the age of 69. Mr *Chernenko suffers from heart* and lung ailments.

In his speech Mr Chernenko described the cosmonauts' work as "spectacular" and wished them sound health. He used the occasion to make an appeal to the United States over the "Star Wars" talks.

He appealed to the United States to show "political foresight" and assess the Soviet Union's Star Wars proposal for talks in Vienna on space weapons "at its true worth" He emphasized that an agreement on space weapons would "infuse Soviet-American relations with elements of mutual trust they need so badly".

The Soviet leader adopted a confident and folksy tone during the ceremony, noting that the triumph of the "fine crew of Soyuz T12" was shared by the cosmonauts still on board Salyut 7, who are almost certain to set a new endurance record this week.

Referring to Miss Savitskaya as "Svetlana", he praised her achievement in becoming the world's first woman space walker and said space walks had become like "regular strolls" for the Salyut 7 crew.

With his eyes on the stars rather than earthly mysteries of politics and health, Mr Chernenko said that since Mr Yuri Gagarin's legendary flight 23 years ago the Soviet space programme had been a blend of daring scientific thinking and cosmonauts' courage. "We have wide-spread plans for the future. Other countries have them too", he remarked, underlining the need for peace in space. Photograph, page 6

Transvaal bombs cut electricity

Unrest continued in the black townships of South Africa as a series of explosions deprived north-west Transvaal of electricity. A limpet mine was discovered in the Rand Supreme Court building in Johannesburg. Looting continued in the townships and rubber bullets and tear gas were used to disperse the rioters Page 6

Tonypandy ill

Lord Tonypandy, aged 75, formerly Mr George Thomas, who was Speaker of the Commons, is being treated for throat cancer it was disclosed yesterday.

Invitation denied

Miss Nichola Laitner, with whose rape a man is charged, as well as with the murder of three members of her family, denied at his trial that she ha: invite him to their house Page 3

Maxwell stake

Mr Robert Maxwell, owner of Mirror Group Newspapers, spent £9m to boost his stake in Fleet Holdings, publishers of the Express group, to 15.54 per cent Kenneth Fleet, page 15

Talks deadlock

The Government has virtually abandoned all hope of an early resumption of Anglo-Argentine negotiations Page 7

Yacht rescue

Eight women in a transatlantic yacht race were rescued off Land's End by a passing ship yesterday when their Canadian vessel sank after a fire.

Stratford plan

The Royal Shakespeare Company wants to build a 430-seat theatre within the shell of the Conference Hall at Stratford-on-Avon Page 14

Deal likely to avert rail chaos

By Our Labour Correspondent

Next week's threatened rail disruption looks certain to be called off after day-long talks yesterday in which British Rail gave union leaders assurances about the industry's future and offered an appeals procedure for resolving closure problems.

The two main unions had called a work to rule to start next Monday in protest against job cuts and reductions in some services. They were also opposed *to further changes to* passenger timetables that involved a reduction in services.

Last night both sides agreed that the talks had been "positive". On Friday, the executives of the National Union of Railwaymen and the train drivers' union, Aslef, meet to decide whether they think they have won enough concessions from BR to warrant calling off the action.

BR refused to alter its target *of losing 10,000 jobs over* the next five years, but Mr Jimmy Knapp, the NUR general secretary, said he now believed the unions were reversing the trend of the last five or six years of cuts in services and employment.

TUC signals wish to return to Neddy

From David Felton, Labour Correspondent, Brighton

The TUC yesterday signalled its willingness to end a six-month boycott of tripartite discussions with the Government and employers leaders within the National Economic Development Council (Neddy).

The boycott, initiated in protest at the Government's decision to remove union rights at GCHQ, in Cheltenham, will probably end after a further meeting between the TUC and the Confederation of British Industry (CBI), which is due to be held a the end of the month.

Delegates to the Brighton congress yesterday rejected by a large majority, a motion from Tass, the white collar engineering union, which called for an indefinite boycott of the council, and instead followed the TUC general council argument that progress could be made by discussions in the tripartite field.

Mr David Basnett, chairman of the TUC economic committee, said that there were "clear, but marginal" advantages to participating in Neddy and added: "We need a very substantial campaign to expose our policies. We can make what we do at the NEDC the centre of our policies."

Until the boycott, the TUC was represented on the council by Mr Basnett, Mr Clive Jenkins, Mr Mostyn Evans, Mr Len Murray, Mr Rodney Bickerstaff, and Mr Terry Duffy.

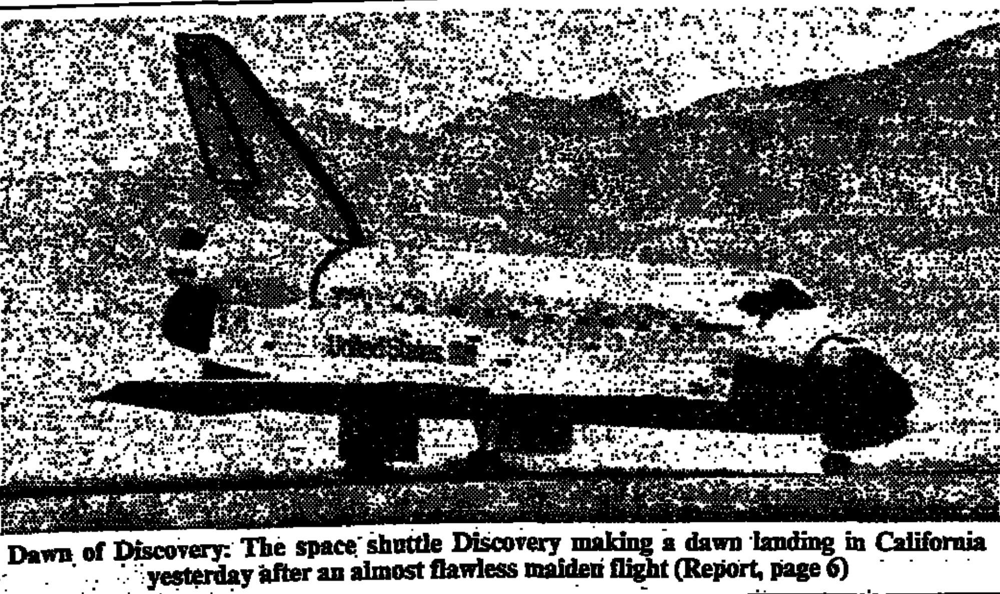
The pressure to return and reopen a dilogue with the Government on economic and employment matters has been increasingly recently as leaders of the labour movement believe that the protest over GCHQ had made its point.

But Mr Kenneth Gill, general *secretary of* Tass, *referred to the* TUC representatives as the "gold plated six" who were to be seen "loitering without intent in the corridors of power with the aim of inflating the egos of those who want to rub shoulders with the mighty".

He said that it had not been shown that Neddy "a rich man's monetarist club", had done anything to improve the trade union movement's standing or to change government economic policy.

The decision was welcomed by the CBI, which said that it expected to have the latest stage in a series of meetings with TUC leaders later this month.

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Dawn of Discovery: The space shuttle Discovery making a dawn landing in California yesterday after an almost flawless maiden flight (Report, page 6)

18 patients die in food epidemic

By Nicholas Timmins

Eighteen patients have died and 387 patients and staff have become ill after one of the biggest outbreaks of poisoning at a hospital in over a decade.

The outbreak, at Stanley Royd psychiatric hospital, Wakefield, was said yesterday to be on the wane, with only 46 patients including two new cases still suffering symptoms associated with salmonella organisms.

Since the outbreak began on last week's August bank holiday, 339 patients and 48 staff at the 900-bed hospital have been taken ill.

Environmental health officers from Wakefield Metropolitan District Council have been called in to help control the outbreak and the Public Health Laboratory Service has tested food samples from the hospital. Salmonella organisms have been isolated but the hospital has been unable to pinpoint the source.

Inquests on 15 of the patients, eight women aged between 69 and 88 and seven men aged between 54 and 73, have been opened and adjourned for two weeks for further investigations.

Sir Jack Smart, chairman of Wakefield Health Authority, said yesterday that all the deaths were not necessarily a direct result of food poisoning.

Of the patients in the hospital, 500 are aged 65 and over and nearly 300 over 75.

Mr Alun Pritchard, district administrator, said the bulk of the patients affected had been elderly.

Salmonella outbreaks usually result from contaminated meat or poultry improperly cooked, or handled in unhygenic conditions. Once an outbreak begins it can spread *rapidly in confined areas such* as hospitals.

While the number of cases of salmonella food poisoning has generally been rising slightly in recent years, outbreaks in hospitals have declined from about 44 a year in the mid-1970s to 26 in 1982.

Although infection is rarely fatal in the young, old people can die from the large loss of fluids which may accompany a severe attack.

Wakefield Health Authority said yesterday that four patients had been transferred to Seacroft Hospital, Leeds, where two died on Tuesday

Mulroney crushes Liberals in Canada

From John Best, Ottawa

Nearly a quarter century of Liberal Party rule in Canada has ended in spectacular defeat at the hands of the Progressive Conservatives.

The Prime Minister-elect, Mr Brian Mulroney, intends to make job creation his priority after he takes office in about 10 days.

The Tories, changed Canada's political map, capturing 211 seats in the 282-seat House of Commons, compared with the 100 they held when Parliament was dissolved for the election.

The only consolation for the Liberals was the success of Mr John Turner, the Prime Minister, in winning the Vancouver Quadra seat.

His party was left with just 40 seats compared with the 135 it previously held. It leaves the Liberals only 10 seats ahead of the left-wing New Democratic Party, which picked up 30.

The voters' massive repudiation of Liberal policy raised questions about the future of the party which has governed Canada continuously since 1963 – with one brief interlude in 1979-80 – and for all but seven of the past 49 years.

The party is faced with a mammoth rebuilding job agter being humiliated from one end of the country to the other. The worst disaster is the loss of French-speaking Quebec, which the Liberals had practically owned – politically – for nearly a century.

Only 17 Liberals were elected in the province, against 74 at

Final results

	Seats 1984	Seats (1980)	% 1984	% (1980)
PC	211	(103)	50	(32)
Lib	40	(147)	28	(44)
NDP	30	(32)	19	(20)
Others	1	(0)	3	(4)

the last election four and a half years ago. A total of 58 Conservatiives triumphed compared with just one in the last election.

The leader of the New Democratic Paty, Mr Ed Broadbent, rubbed salt in the wounds by suggesting that his party rather than the battered Liberals will be the real opposition to the

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Pound falls to new low of $1.28

The pound fell to a new low just above $1.28 yesterday as the dollar raced ahead on the foreign exchange markets. It closed just off the bottom, down 1 cent at $1.2815, but was steadier against other leading currencies which also suffered against the dollar. The pound's trade-weighted value was down 0.1 at 77.7.

Britain's industrial troubles *have contributed to sterling's* slippage, but foreign exchange dealers put most of the blame on the dollar's rise. However, nervousness about the exchange rate led to some firming in money market interest rates yesterday and hopes of another cut in interest rates have receded.

There is also some concern that if the industrial troubles worsen this could precipitate higher interest rates.

*The dollar, which is benefit*ing from firm American interest rates, closed in London yesterday up 2.55 pfennigs at DM 2.9550. Kenneth Fleet, page 15

Scotland Yard advises police against Freemasonry

By Stewart Tendler Crime Correspondent

Scotland Yard is advising its 27,000 police officers today not to join or remain a member of the Freemasons because they risk raising doubts about their impartiality.

The guidance is included in a new handbook for police professional behaviour in London to be published shortly and the advice against membership of the Freemasons could be extended across the entire police service. The Home Office confirmed yesterday that the handbook will be circulated to all police forces when it is ready.

It may well cause the police considerable embarassment. Mr Albert Laugharne, deputy commissioner of the Metropolitan Police and author of the handbook, said some senior officers at the Yard and a number of chief constables are Freemasons.

Mr Laugharne, consulted both officers who are Freemasons and those who are critical in his research. The advice against freemasonry is being issued through *The Job*, the London police internal newspaper.

At the end of a lengthy article pointing out the problems of Freemasonry for a policeman, Mr Laugharne wrote: "The officer, if a prescient man, will probably consider it wise to forgo the prospect of pleasure and social advantage in freemasonry so as to enjoy the unreserved regard of all those around him".

While pointing out that membership was a matter of individual judgment – there is no question of any disciplinary action or Yard proscription actively forbidding Freemasonry – Mr Laugharne noted that a policeman faced reconciling his oath of impartiality as a constaable with the oath of obligation to the Freemasons.

Mr Laugharne gave a warning in his article of the marked exclusivity of the institution and the mystery which surrounds the method by which a person is judged by Freemasons to be suitable for membership of a lodge.

"Then there is the oddness of the initiation ceremony itself with its strange rites which smack of immmaturity, being reminiscent of the secret societies of boyhood. Finally and most importantly there is the Freemason's obligation solemnly sworn never to reveal the secrets of the craft".

He hoped the advice would lead to a decrease in the number of Freemasons.





Freeze on benefits for private lodgers

By Nicholas Timmins
Social Services Correspondent

The Government has imposed a six-month freeze on the amounts of supplementary benefit it will pay to people in private and voluntary residential and nursing homes and for board and lodging because of huge increases in the amounts paid to the owners of such accommodation.

Tougher registration measures for residential homes are also to be introduced, with the maximum fine for operating an unregistered home rising from £500 to £2,000 and whose registration is cancelled.

Registration fees are to rise to £100 for homes for and £75 for managers with an annual fee of £10 a place paid to local authorities, who will be obliged to inspect homes at least once a year.

The moves were announced yesterday by Mr Rhodes Boyson, Minister for Social Security, in a statement tantamount to accepting that the Government made a serious mistake last November when it changed the rules for meeting accommodation charges from supplementary benefit.

Over the past year or so, the costs of board and lodging allowances had risen steeply, he said. In the year to last December, the costs for people in residential and nursing homes rose from £39m to £102m while the numbers provided for rose by only two-thirds.

The numbers in ordinary board and lodging rose by about half, but total spending went up from £166m to £270m. Mr Boyson said: "The Government is committed to controlling expenditure, and increases on this scale cannot be allowed to continue".

As an interim measure, the present limits are to be frozen until the spring, and the ceilings on the level of charges to be paid will in future be decided centrally by ministers rather than by local offices. Proposals on how to do that will be put forward in the autumn.

Although the figures released by the Deparment of Health and Social Security yesteday go up only to last December, social services departments believe that there has since been a further steep increase in charges for accommodation.

Under changes introduced last November, local offices set ceilings on what they could pay home owners based on average in the local area.

Figures released by the department yesteday show that the average payment for people in residential homes last year was £75.25, but evidence which the department gave the House of Commons Social Services Committee in June showed the average local limit was £116 for residential homes and £149 for nursing homes.

Union to recruit flying pickets to save national dock strike

By Barrie Clement, Labour Reporter

Dockers' leaders called yesterday for what may be a last-ditch attempt to make their national strike effective.

Other Transport and General Workers Union members particularly lorry drivers, will be urged to give "physical" support to their waterfront colleagues.

"Flying pickets" are to be organized nationally to beef up the industrial action which has brought out about 7,600 of the 13,500 registered workforce.

The national directive could mean that union resources will concentrate on Grimsby, where fish is being landed by non-union labour and Hunterston, where coal ships for Ravenscraig steel are being berthed without dockers.

Other registered ports which have accepted vessels diverted from strike bound docks could also see a substantial increase in picketing.

But in a BBC interview Mr John Connolly, national docks officer, said that it remained to be seen what the response would be.

Amid signs of grassroots dissension, the 22-strong national dock committee refused yesterday to countenance a fresh meeting of docks delegates, the only body able to call off the stoppage. Instead, it reaffirmed the union's policy of opposing breaches in the national dock labour scheme with industrial action. There was no enthusiasm for a climb down in a week when the TUC's congress made militant noises over the miners' strike.

About 60 more port workers joined the stoppage yesterday, at Fleetwood, Lancashire, and the Manchester Ship Canal wharves. But at Southampton, 50 out of 1,100 employees signed a petition calling for a mass meeting to end the stoppage.

At Tilbury, the Port of London Authority, said yesterday that it expected to announce the result of its strike ballot tomorrow.

A statement issued by the union last night said: "Consideration was given to the London port employers' attempt to ballot our members in the port and introduce an element into the current dispute which would provide a distorted response that will not be acceptable to this union and its members as a true indication of the wishes of the majority currently involved in strike action in the Port of London.

"This will no doubt be used by other port employers as a method of destroying the traditional means whereby our members are able to express their decision in an open manner."

● The Port Employers' Association said last night that of the 14,057 dockers, 7,605 were on strike and 6,452 were working (The Press Association reports).

There were 11,057 registered dockers in the national dock labour scheme, of whom 7,562 were in dispute in docks covered by the scheme. The other 3,495 were continuing to work in scheme ports.

Of the 3,000 non-registered dock workers, not covered by the scheme, 2,957 were working at non-scheme docks, while 43 were on strike at one non-scheme port – Mostyn, north Wales.

A spokesman said that of the 62 national dock labour board listed commercial scheme ports, 35 were working normally. At the 31 non-scheme ports and wharves of a significant commercial capacity, only men at Mostyn were on strike.

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Mrs Thatcher in the new Optica observation aircraft (Photograph: Bill Warhurst).

PM gives Soviet planes a miss

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

The Prime Minister carefully avoided snubbing the large Soviet presence at the Farnborough Air Show yesterday, but Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for Defence, was less diplomatic.

Commenting on Soviet hopes of making aerospace technology transfer deals with Britain, Mr Heseltine said: "It is very difficult to see how you can have technological cooperation with a nation which just poses the major threat that we face.

"Obviously, in an ideal world, we would like to get a much better relationship with the Soviet Union, but until that happens I don't think that we can be in any way dependent on them for the defence equipment upon which we rely."

Mrs Margaret Thatcher, who spent about five hours touring the show and watching the air display with her husband, was driven slowly past a Soviet airliner on show and looked intently at the big Mi-26 helicopter, the largest in the world. But she did not stop.

She said she was pleased with the excellent work of British Aerospace companies. She made clear she had not ignored the Russians who are exhibiting at Farnborough for the first time, but wanted to devote her visit to the British contingent. Mrs Thatcher was accompanied by Sir Raymond Lygo, president of the Society of British Aerospace Companies and managing director of British Aerospace. Among the aircraft she visited were the Firecracker, the only British-designed competitor in the race to win the order for the next RAF trainer.

Mr Thatcher also looked at the BAe 146 jet, a new version of which was announced this week, and the Belfast-made Short's aircraft. She met M Jacques Mitterrand, head of the French Aerospatial company, and Senator Barrie Goldwater, said by his entourage to be representing the United States President.

The Society of British Aerospace Companies said earlier that it had no plans to change arrangements for visitors after Tuesday's crash of a de Havilland Buffalo at the show. The aircraft was badly damaged and debris damaged the public side of the safety fence. Several other aircraft and a car were also damaged. The crew were unhurt.

Panic grain sales 'could push prices even lower'

By John Young
Agriculture Correspondent

With grain prices at their lowest for two years, the National Farmers' Union yesterday warned growers not to risk depressing the market still further by panic selling.

In anticipation of a record harvest in Britain, the rest of Europe and north America, the average price for feed wheat fell last week to £99.70 and for feed barley to £99.30 a tonne. It is the first time since 1982 that either has dropped below £100 a tonne.

Mr Rowan Cherrington, chairman of the union's cereals committee, reminded farmers that they had the option to sell into intervention storage, provided their grain met the required standards.

Even allowing for delivery costs and payment delays, the intervention price of £113.05, rising to £114.64 this month, suggested that the market should improve in the coming months, he said.

The Intervention Board for Agricultural Produce said yesterday that neither the size of the harvest nor the possible effect on exports of a continuation of the dock strike was at present causing concern.

By the end of last month, just over 1½m tonnes of grain had been offered for intervention purchase. The normal pattern would be for stocks to build up between now and the end of the year, at the beginning of this year the board held some 1.8m tonnes in store.

Accounts of spending watchdogs criticized

By Anthony Bevins
Political Correspondent

An official commission charged with helping to promote economy, efficiency, and effectiveness in local government has had its accounts qualified by Sir Gordon Downey, the Comptroller and Auditor General for failing to cover some of its costs.

Reporting on the 1983-84 accounts of the Audit Commission for Local Authorities in England and Wales, Sir Gordon says the new body is required "to recover from client bodies the full cost of any miscellaneous services provided to them."

But the commission made a loss of £22,000 on its miscellaneous services and Sir Gordon accordingly qualifies his certificate on the accounts.

He says: "From 1 April 1983 (when the commission began operations) the commission adopted a charge-out rate for these services based on a rate used by the Department of the Environment's District Audit Service in 1982-83.

"Although the commission increased the charge in November, 1983, it did not monitor the costs of miscellaneous services against the fees charged and was therefore unable to ensure that the fees were adequate."

An official of the commission said yesterday that the work involved audits of local authority grant claims and because that work had been carried out "in the field" the commission had not made any charge for head office expenses.

"Our belief was that there was no need to include any head office costs, as there were none. The National Audit Office took a different view," she said.

The accounts show that salaries for the 524 staff who work in the new commission average almost £17,000.

Murder charge

A youth aged 15 was remanded in custody yesterday when he appeared before Newbury Juvenile Court, charged with the murder of Michael Collins, aged eight, from Speen, near Newbury, Berkshire. An application for bail was refused.

The miners' strike

Low coal production matched by demand

By Jonathan Davis, Financial Correspondent

Coal production and coal consumption both fell to their lowest monthly level for years in July, as a result of the miners' strike, according to Department of Energy statistics published yesterday.

The effects of the strike, coupled with the seasonally low level of energy demand in midsummer, pushed coal consumption down to 4.2 million tonnes, three million tonnes less than in July last year. Production was 2.7 million tonnes, against 7.6 million tonnes the previous July.

Coal consumption in the three months May to July was 41.2 per cent less than in the corresponding period last year, underlining the extent of the electricity industry's attempts to conserve coal stocks by switching to oil-fired generation in power stations wherever possible.

Output of coal in the three months was 67.6 per cent less than in the corresponding period in 1983. The July output figure was as low as any since the miners' strike began six months ago.

The switch to oil-fired power stations meant that oil consumption was up by 31.5 per cent between May and July, the provisional statistics show. Overall this year, oil use is 14.3 per cent higher.

Despite the shutdown in most coalfields, Britain is still more than self-sufficient in energy. Helped by rising North Sea oil production it produced about 15 per cent moreenergy than it used in the quarter to July.

Overall energy demand is 3.6 per cent less than during last year, but Whitehall officials say that reflects more efficient use of energy rather than any effect of the coal dispute.

Children at play found silver hoard

A hoard of 672 silver coins, some more than 400 years old, which were unearthed last Easter by holidaying children making a den on a mid Wales farm, were declared treasure trove by an inquest jury yesterday.

The inquest, at Builth Wells, Powys, was told that the coins would have represented "a small fortune" in their day. Mr George Boon, keeper of archaeology and numismatics at the National Museum of Wales, said the coins, shilling and sixpenny pieces minted between 1551 and 1662, had been clipped, reducing their value.

Clipping was common at the time by people melting down silver. At the end of the Seventeenth century the royal Mint called in such coins because a new coinage was to be issued.

The coins were discovered by Kristian Gething, aged nine, from Howey, near Llandrindod Wells, and his cousins Andrew Nelson, aged nine, and his sisters Kenifer, aged eight, and Cheryl, aged 11, from Wroughton, near Swindon.

After the inquest Mr Boon said an independent treasure trove committee would sit in London soon to decide on the compensation to be paid to the children. He expected it to be about £100 each.

● A Bishop Auckland coroner's jury decided yesterday that a metal detector enthusiast could keep the handful of tenth century Viking silver ingots he found last year. A Blackpool fireman, Mr Brian Wilson discovered 21 pieces of silver weighing nearly a pound at Old Spittle Farm, near Bowes, co Durham.

Pocket-size breath test for drivers

Motorists can now test their blood-alcohol levels with unprecedented accuracy on a new machine the size of a pocket calculator. If the machine becomes widely available at a competitive price, as the makers hope, it could have a dramatic effect on the number of drink-driving offences.

The Alcolmeter is being manufactured by Lion Laboratories, of South Wales, maker of the Intoximeter, the controversial electronic breath-testing machine in use in 600 police stations in Britain.

The police have for several years been using a basic version of the Alcolmeter as a roadside screening device, which shows red or green depending on the amount of alcohol in the breath. Lion Laboratories has now developed a version that gives a digital display of the number of milligrams of alcohol per 100 millilitres of blood. The legal limit is 80 milligrams.

Dr Tom Jones, chairman and managing director of the company, said yesterday that the new Alcolmeter was available at just under £200, and had been bought by several hundred companies in Britain and by about twenty police forces around the world. The company hopes ultimately to make the machine available to a much wider public

Lion has not publicized the Alcolmeter so far both because of its high price and because the police and the Home Office have tended not to be in favour of self-testing.

Inquiries about the Alcolmeter should be addressed to Lion Laboratories, Tyverlon Estate, Barry, South Wales.

BA offers to share 12 routes with airline

By Michael Bailey, Transport Editor

A plan to resolve the deadlock over route-sharing with British Caledonian has been put by British Airways to the Government, its chief executive, Mr Colin Marshall, disclosed yesterday.

He also announced a record operating profit of £81m in the first quarter of the year, 15.5 per cent up on 1983, and encouraging trends for the remainder of the year.

The British Airways plan involves direct competition between the two airlines on 12 unnamed routes to Europe, the Middle East and North America. This according to British Airways, would add £75m or 20 per cent to British Caledonia's turnover, with an extra £7.5m profit for an outlay of which some £50m by the independent airline.

But BA would want to retain a 70-80 per cent traffic share on the routes at least initially, Mr Marshall added, because that would be "equitable", would avoid union trouble at the state airline and would not delay privatization early next year.

Mr Marshall said the new plan represented a "genuine attempt byus to find a solution to the impasse that has developed".

The BA statement "says nothing new", British Caledonian statement said yesterday.

Airlines' spirits 'are flying petrol bombs'

Britain's sole manufacturer of aircraft fire detection systems called for a world ban yesterday on the carriage of duty-free alcohol in airliners.

Mr Nigel Randall, director of aerospace systems for Graviner, a company based in Slough, said that with spirits carried daily in aircraft "you are flying around with a petrol bomb".

Graviner's products are fitted to thousands of aircraft, including half of all 747 Jumbo jets. Mr Randall added: "A Jumbo jet can carry anything from 20 to 50 gallons of spirits and in the event of a crash this is almost certain to catch fire".

US double-deck bus order may be worth £350m

Leyland Bus announced yesterday that it is set to export double-deck buses to the United States in a deal that could be worth up to £350m.

The company is hoping to complete negotiations with the Gillig Corporation of Hayward, California, later this year to market jointly the Leyland Olympian in American cities.

The firm said it estimated up to 10 per cent of the 50,000 single-deck buses in America could be replaced by double deck buses with operators making substantial savings.

The Olympians, which cost about £70,000 in Britain, are built at Leyland's Workington plant in Cumbria. The company is the world's largest manufacturer of double-deck buses.

The First Olympian bus is being shipped to the US and will make its first appearance at the International Public Transit Exhibition in Washington DC between October 1 and 3.

Deal likely over civil service pay

By Our Labour Reporter

Union leaders representing 520,000 civil servants met Mr Tom King, the Employment Secretary last night, amid growing signs that they were prepared to accept the government's 4.55 per cent pay offer.

Trade union leaders were to have pressed Mr King to go to arbitration, but there has been little enthusiasm among civil servants for more delays in implementing the offer.

Union leaders were also told last night that Mr King would continue to refuse to take the pay dispute to arbitration.

The Civil Service executive of the largest union, the Civil and Public Services Association, has voted 9-1 in favour of acceptance and the others are expected to fall into line.

Tory vice-chairman retires to business

By Our Political Correspondent

Lord Fanshawe of Richmond, the former MP for Richmond, Sir Anthony Royle, has retired as vice-chairman of the Conservative Party organization, it was announced yesterday.

He was responsible for the selection of parliamentary candidates during the last Parliament. The Prime Minister asked him to stay on as a vice-chairman for another year after he was made a peer in 1983.

Although there had been a suggestion that "new blood" was needed to bolster party organization under the new chairman, Mr John Gummer, Conservative Central Office said yesterday that Lord Fanshawe was leaving because of increasing business commitments.

● One of Mrs Margaret Thatcher's political policy advisers is leaving Number 10 to become an account director with a public relations company.

Mr Peter Shipley, who has completed a two-year assignment in the Downing Street Policy Unit, dealing with Home Office matters and aspects of industrial relations, is to join Good Relations Corporate Affairs on September 24.

Lord Fanshawe: "Increasing business commitments".

The company already employs Mr Paul Tyler, a former Liberal MP, and Mr Peter Luff, a former head of Mr Edward Heath's private office

Sir Anthony Grant, Conservative MP for Cambridgeshire South-West, and Mr Michael Mates, Conservative MP for Hampshire East, act as the company's parliamentary advisers.

Pit damage 'threatens coalfield'

By Staff Reporters

Striking South Wales miners have been warned that the entire coalfield – the biggest lossmaker in Britain – is under threat as coalfaces and mines deteriorate through lack of maintenance.

Four faces in four pits are unlikely ever to be worked again and others will be lost as roadways are severely damaged, roofs crushed and floors lifted. Expensive coalcutting equipment and roof supports have been trapped and condensation is threatening the specialized underground electrical switchgear and transport systems.

The warning is given in a special South Wales issue of the National Coal Board newspaper Coal News which states that at the beginning of the dispute 18 pits out of 28 voted against the strike.

"Since that time the men who voted to work have had to remain a silent majority suffering great hardship without the hope of a proper ballot." As a result, it says, each miner in South Wales has lost an average of £3,300 in wages.

● Twelve striking miners from north Derbyshire were remanded in custody yesterday after appearing in court in Chesterfield on charges of riotous assembly and unlawful assembly in connexion with an alleged attack on working miners in the county last week.

Another man was charged with unlawful assembly. The men were remanded until tomorrow. Mr John Calvert, for the prosecution, said that the men had planned the attack at a strike centre at Clay Cross and had gone into Chesterfield to carry it out. Reporting restrictions were lifted.

● A maintenance worker at the Betteshanger colliery, Kent, was attacked and injured by striking miners when he emerged from the pit entrance yesterday to talk to pickets. He was taken to hospital and later released.

Walker and TUC 'should find solution'

By Our Political Correspondent

Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Energy, and the TUC leadership should go over the heads of the National Coal Board and Mr Arthur Scargill, the president of the National Union of Mineworkers, in seeking terms for a settlement of the pits dispute, Mr David Steel said yesterday.

The Liberal leader said in an interview on BBC radio's The World at One programme: "It now seems as if Mr Scargill and Mr MacGregor are never going to come together.

"It is therefore the duty of politicians, and especially Energy Secretary Peter Walker, to recognize this deadlock and seek other ways forward.

"In search of such a solution, he should meet with TUC leaders as soon as is humanly possible."

Mr Steel said the Government had a clear responsibility for a clear interest in the dispute. It was also responsible for a national energy policy.

At the same time, the TUC would have broad sympathy with the miner's worries at a time of such high unemployment.

But Mr Steel said that any efforts to bring an agreement could hardly be helped by a comment by the Labour leader, Mr Neil Kinnock, that no pit should be closed until all coal which could be worked safely had been mined, no matter what the cost.

"That would not do, said Mr Steel. "The tragedy of Britain's mining industry is that there are new, rich coal seams which could be worked more safely and more profitably than many current pits."

'Belgrano' aide resigns

The private secretary to the minister at the centre of the General Belgrano "cover-up" allegations is resigning from the Civil Service (Our Political Correspondent writes).

But Mr Philip Francis, secretary to Mr John Stanley, Minister of State for the Armed Forces, said last night: "There is nothing sinister in this; it's just the timing that's unfortunate".

Verdict on prostitute

Michael Pratt, aged 38, a male prostitute, who was also known as Benner, and Rauch, collapsed from a drink and drugs overdose in his bedroom at Manor Court Hotel, Clanricarde Gardens, Paddington, west London, on July 19 and was dead on arrival at Westminster Hospital, an inquest was told yesterday.

A statement to the Westminster coroner from Dr C J Sergeant, from the Royal Free Hospital, said that Mr Pratt had a long psychiatric history involving a personality disorder and bouts of depression, "often associated with the breakup of homosexual relationships".

Dr Sergeant said: "After he had an argument with an ex-boyfriend he phoned the duty doctor on July 5, saying he wanted to kill himself. The upshot was he was again admitted for eight hours to the ward."

Seven rescued

Seven fishermen were rescued in the North Sea yesterday when their 80-ft Peterhead boat, Fertile, sank soon after colliding with another fishing boat

Student hears remembered sounds

From Our Correspondent, Oxford

Jessica Rees, an Oxford undergraduate, has returned home from hospital to start a new life with an extra dimension.

Miss Rees, who has been deaf since she was four, has partially regained her hearing after an implant operation.

As she talked yesterday in her Oxford flat, she did something most people take for granted – she answered a knock at the door.

Miss Rees, aged 21, a second-year English undergraduate at Balliol College, received the ear implant three weeks ago at the London Hospital.

She said: "I can hear about 40 per cent of what you can hear. Speech will become more distinct as time goes on. Part of my body has been disused for so long it is like when an arm or a leg goes numb and the sensation of feeling comes flooding back.

"It will make a very large psychological difference to my life. It stops the feeling of isolation. I can hear traffic coming and when I have children I will be able to hear them."

The operation has put an end to the background noise called tinnitus. "It was a dreadful shadow noise day and night of engines revving and dogs barking. It used to annoy me terribly."

She emphasized that she is still partly deaf and needs to lip read, but she expects to be able to play a full part in study discussions next term and to get more from her lectures.

Hidden in her subconscious were memories of sounds. When doctors played notes to her she sang them back in perfect pitch and noises she has not heard for many years are strangely familiar.

Miss Rees is still waiting for the final piece of equipment to be fitted to the complicated network of wires and electronics and until then she will find it difficult to listen to music.

Patient will be charged with PC's murder

Essex police want to charge a hospital patient with the murder of a policeman after they have turned his ward into a courtroom.

Magistrates will put a notice in the local press for 72 hours declaring that the Jefferson Ward at Essex County Hospital, Colchester, can be used as a court.

Detectives want to question the man, who was arrested in connexion with the killing of Police Constable Brian Bishop, aged 37, at Frinton last month. He has gunshot wounds and is said to be still very poorly, although improving.

The Times overseas selling prices
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Survivor of knifed family denies inviting accused into her house

From Peter Davenport, Durham

Miss Nichola Laitner, the sole survivor of a wedding day orgy of violence which wiped out three members of her family, came face to face yesterday with the man accused of the killings and of raping her at knifepoint.

She sat in the witness box in Durham Crown Court, just 15 ft from the dock where Arthur Hutchinson, aged 43, was handcuffed between two prison officers.

Mr Hutchinson, of Kelso Grove, Hartlepool, Cleveland, is accused of murdering a Sheffield solicitor, Mr Basil Laitner, his wife Avril, a doctor, and their son Richard, aged 28, at their home in Dore, Sheffield, after a wedding reception for their elder daughter, Suzanne, on October 23 last year.

He is also charged with unlawful sexual intercourse with Miss Nichola Laitner, aged 18, and with aggravated burglary. He denies all the charges.

Mr James Stewart, QC, defending Mr Hutchinson, asked Miss Laitner yesterday why she had stayed at home and not joined her family at a dinner at her uncle's home after the wedding reception. They were killed after they returned home from dinner.

Miss Laintner denied a suggestion from Mr Stewart that she had met Mr Hutchinson in a Sheffield city centre public house on the Friday before the wedding and invited him back to the house after the reception and that was why she had not attended the dinner.

"That's stupid", she replied. Mr Stewart suggested that she has met Mr Hutchinson casually as he was buying a drink.

"He said to you: 'Is there a shortage of men in Sheffield or are they all just poofs?,'" Mr Stewart said.

"No", Miss Laitner replied.

Council suggested that the conversation has continued with her telling Mr Hutchinson that it was her sister's wedding that weekend and there was to be a hen party where there would be plenty of women. Again, she denied the suggestion.

Then, Mr Stewart, said, she asked him what he was doing in Sheffield, to which he replied that he was in lodgings there while working in Barnsley. He told her the address and she told him she knew where it was.

The man told her that his name was Pat O'Reardon. "You asked him if he wanted to come out to the house", Mr Stewart said. Miss Laitner retorted: "No".

He said that Mr Hutchinson allegedly replied: "Aren't I a little out of your age group?" Miss Laitner told Mr Stewart: "It's a load of rubbish".

He continued: "I suggest you gave him instructions on how to get to the house before you left the pub." Miss Laitner: "None of that is true."

She also denied that she had left the patio door to the house unlatched or that she had told him that she would arrange for a bottle of champagne from the reception to be left in the kitchen.

Mr Stewart said that Mr Hutchinson allegedly asked, when he entered the house, why there was no furniture in the lounge. She had explained that it had been removed for the reception and suggested they go to her bedroom to listen to some tapes. Miss Laitner denied that.

Mr Stewart: "I suggest that you went to your bedroom and he followed you and you put on some music." Miss Laitner: "No".

Mr Stewart: "The two of you danced together." Miss Laitner: "No."

Mr Stewart: "You kissed." Miss Laitner: "No."

Mr Stewart: "You petted." Miss Laitner: "No."

Mr Stewart: "You stripped off." Miss Laitner: "No."



Miss Nichola Laitner yesterday

Mr Stewart: "You got on the bed and sexual intercourse took place." Miss Laitner: "No."

Mr Stewart suggested that afterwards she took from a drawer a folded packet from which she took white powder which she then sniffed.

She again rejected the sugestion. She also rejected Mr Stewart's suggestion tha she and Mr Hutchinsn had then had sex a second time with her consent.

She denied that a conversation took place in which she migt have indicated signs of affection towards Mr Hutchinson.

"I only spoke to him just to stop him wanting to kill me", she said.

Miss Laitner also rejected counsel's suggestion that she had arranged to meet Mr Hutchinson the following Wednesday outside Sheffield library.

She said that while they were having intercourse Mr Hutchinson told her to close her eyes. She agreed that there was no covering on his face.

As a result she was able to give an excellent and detailed description of him to a police officer. She recognized photographs of him shown to her subsequently and also recognized his voice when a tape of a man speaking was broadcast on Radio Sheffield.

The jury of six men and six women have been told by Mr Robin Stewart, QC, for the prosecution, that Mr Hutchinson knifed the three Laitners to death before repeatedly raping Miss Laitner.

Earlier yesterday she told the court that before her family returned from dinner, and after making three or four telephone calls to friends, she undressed and went to bed.

"The next thing I was aware of was my mother screaming."

Then she heard scuffling noises in her darkened room which she thought might have been her father coming to say goodnight after arriving home. But the person said nothing and left after 30 seconds.

The next thing she heard, she told the court, was the "shouting, shrieking" voices of two men, one her father, followed by "a massive scream and choking". The case continues.



Youngest Times Portfolio winner: Jane Ridley, aged nine, was thrilled yesterday when she heard she was a winner in *The Times* Portfolio competition. She will share the £2,000 prize with two other winners.

Jane, the youngest winner, her brother Joseph, aged 13, and their mother, Ann, each have a card and have been taking part for two months.

Her father, Rex, a Norwich shopkeeper, said they would let her spend some of the money and invest the rest. Jane pictured with her pet kitten at her home in Upper Tarburgh, Norfolk.

Lecturer is to study effects of jogging

By David Cross

A research lecturer at Aberdeen University has secured a £357,000 grant for a three-year study into how jogging and running marathons affect people's fitness and health.

Dr Ronald Maughan, who works at the Institute of Environmental and Offshore Medicine, said that, despite the enormous popular interest in such pursuits, relatively little attention had been devoted to the implications of participation in regular physical exercise on the short and long-term health of formerly sedentary people.

"Only if it can be clearly established that the advantages of regular physical exercise outweigh the possible risks and disadvantages can the promotion of exercise be justified to those who find it inherently distasteful," he said. "This then leads to the question of how much exercise, how often, and at what intensity."

Among the various points which Dr Maughan will investigate are:

- The physiological effects and medical problems associated with training and participation in marathon events.
- The psyhological and sociological factors which motivate formerly sedentary people to embark on a strenuous endurance training programme.
- The reasons for muscle soreness and ways of minimizing or preventing it.

The grant is being funded by the Health Promotion Research Trust.

Jackanory to feature Prince as storyteller

By Kenneth Gosling

"Not all that long ago, when children were even smaller and people had especially hairy knees, there lived an old man of Lochnagar . . ."

With these words, Prince of Wales opened his now celebrated children's story, "The Old Man of Lochnagar", written when he was 21. That introduction will mark the Prince's debut in the television series *Jackanory* as part of the BBC's autumn schedules.

He is one of four guest readers – all of them people who have written their own children's stories – the others are Sir Harry Secombe, the ex-Goon so much admired by the Prince, Pam Ayres, and Michael Palin.

Each reads in the story's own setting, and in the Prince's case, that means Balmoral.

The 15-minute stories have already been recorded and according to *Jackanory* producer, Angela Beeching, the Prince's came off very well and was completed in one take. On the question of a fee the BBC maintained a discreet silence.

Nor would it confirm that the Prince of Wales makes his appearance on September 26, even though the date figured in a BBC press release.

Although the Prince lends a royal touch to the autumn children's schedule the real "blockbuster" which cost £1m of a budget of £15m, is a six-part adaptation of John Masefield's classic, *Box of Delights*, starring Robert Stephens, Patrick Troughton, and James Grout, and introducing Devin Stanfield, aged 13, of Eastbourne, as the hero.

Former favourites return: *Grange Hill*, Rentaghost, John Craven's *News Round*, and *Crackerjack*. Blue Peter will become the first children's programme to appear with regular subtitles for deaf viewers, helped by more than £20,000 from the National Deaf Children's Society.

Announcing several new programmes, inlcuding a four-night-a-week quiz called *Beat the Teachers*, Mr Edward Barnes, head of children's programmes, denied claims that the BBC had lost ground to ITV.

Girls' career help urged

By Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent

Schools should help girls to avoid the sex trap, in which they fail to qualify for careers outside the home, a Social Democratic Party policy discussion document published yesterday says.

Girls tend to pass more O levels than boys, the paper says, yet fewer go on to take A levels, fewer study science-based A levels, and fewer still apply for university.

"For countless reasons, steeped in tradition and hard to change, young girls at school still appear to assume that their careers and their work will be of relatively little importance", it adds.

"The exams they take tend not to qualify them for higher paid jobs, apprenticeships, or training for occupations with good career prospects.

"The divorce rate means that one in three of them will find themselves unsupported by a husband; 50 per cent of divorced women go strraight on to social security.

"Too many wake up at about 30 and realize too late what opportunities they have missed, and find nothing at all ahead of them."

Injunction move on relics

By Alan Hamilton

Legal moves may be made next week to prevent the reputed relics of Edward the Martyr being given to the Russian Orthodox Church, which hopes to enshrine them in a converted mortuary near Woking, Surrey.

Solicitors acting for Colonel Geoffrey Claridge will take counsel's opinion today on the possibility of obtaining an injunction to prevent the bones being handed over by Colonel Claridge's brother, Mr John Claridge.

The bones, which have been in a bank vault for 14 years, were found in Shaftesbury Abbey, Dorset, by Mr Claridge, aged 79, in 1932, when the Claridge family owned the abbey.

Mr Claridge, who now lives in Malta, promised them to the Russian Orthodox Church two years ago, and they have been in the bank while the shrine and a wooden casket have been prepared.

Colonel Claridge, aged 81, of Abergele, North Wales, says that he jointly owns the relics and wants them to be reburied in the abbey.

Microphone alarm is launched

By Michael Baily

A "softly softly" burglar alarm that alerts the police without warning the burglar is expected to prove an important defence against the rising incidence of burglaries.

Instead of an alarm bell that often alerts the burglar and no-one else, the device uses concealed microphones that pick up the slightest noise throughout a protected building. Relayed to 24-hour control rooms, it enables the police to be on their way within minutes without letting the burglar know that he has been detected.

The system, used successfully in the United States, goes into operation in Manchester today, run by a partnership of the US Sonitrol Corporation, and Pickfords Removals.

A £1m control room in Trafford Park will cover contracted factories, homes, warehouses, schools, churches, and other users within a 35-mile radius. Similar centres will open in London, Glasgow, Birmingham, Liverpool, and Newcastle upon Tyne over the next few months.

In the United States the system reduced false alarms from more than 95 per cent to 20 to 30 per cent, and reduced the number of wasted journeys by police officers and property owners, Mr Henry Fleming, chairman of Sonitrol, said

Men 'attacked van with axe handles'

An ice cream van was attacked by a group of masked men wielding pickaxe handles and a sledge hammer, a multiple murder trial at Glasgow High Court was told yesterday.

William Hamilton, aged 17, of Lochgelly Road, Glasgow, who said he was one of the attackers, was giving evidence in the trial of four men accused of murdering six members of the same family by setting fire to their home in Bankend Street, Ruchazie.

Those who died were Mr Andrew Doyle, an ice cream van driver, aged 18; Mr James Doyle, his father, aged 53; Mrs Kathleen Hallaron, Mr Doyle's daughter, aged 25; Mark Doyle, her son, aged 18 months; Anthony Doyle, aged 14; and James Doyle junior, aged 12.

Thomas Campbell, Thomas Gray, Joseph Steele, and Gary Moore, all from Glasgow, are charged with murder. Mr Campbell, Mr Gray, Thomas Lafferty, and John Campbell are charged with attempted murder. A seventh man, George Reid, is charged with assault. The men deny all the charges.

William Hamilton said that, with other people, he smashed an ice cream van driven by an Irene Mitchell on April 4.

He said he used a hammer about 4ft long; others used pickaxe shafts.

The girl driver could not have recognized anybody during the attack, he said, because they were wearing masks in the form of Celtic "tammies" pulled over their faces.

Mr Donald Macaulay, QC, for Mr Thomas Campbell, said: "One of the main charges in this case is that some people set the house of the Doyle family on fire and the family perished on April 16, 1984. When do you say that you smashed the vans for the last time?"

Mr Hamilton replied: "Three weeks before the fire".

Earlier, Mr Hamilton had said he was given 70p outside a public house only 90 minutes before he smashed up an ice cream van owned by Marchetti Brothers.

He said Thomas Lafferty had given him the money, but it was not given to him to smash up the van. The trial was adjourned until today.

Rolls-Royce is to pay damages

Rolls-Royce is to pay a sustantial sum for damage caused to an £80,000 car while it was at the company's workshops for a service.

Mr Robert Jones, formely a director of a service station in Stanmore, Middlesex, was involved in a two-year dispute with the company after he sent his blue Camargue for a 6,000-mile service. The Camargue costs £83,122 at today's prices.

Yesterday both sides arrived at the High Court for an assessment of damages. But an out-of-court settlement was reached for an undisclosed sum.

Conference post for discredited forensic scientist

By Peter Evans
Home Affairs Correspondent

Dr Alan Clift, the discredited Home Office forensic scientist, is one of the organisers of the world's most important forensic science conference.

He was invited to help by Professor Stuart Kind, president of the International Association of Forensic Sciences, who is one of the profession to have spoken out in defence of Dr Clift.

Dr Clift is treasurer and business manager of the triennial meeting of the association in Oxford, for a week from September 18th.

Dr Clift was suspended by the Home Office in 1977, accused of incompetence. Four years later, he was compulsorily retired after a man convicted of murder on his evidence had a conviction quashed.

Man fined for operating pirate radio

A north London pirate radio station has gone off the air after a raid by British Telecom investigators. Turkish Community Radio, transmitting in the Hornsey area from a private house, was traced because of its strong signal.

Mr Kevin McMeel, a solicitor representing British Telecom, told Highgate Magistrates Court yesterday that such private stations were depriving legitimate IBA stations of valuable revenue.

Mehmet Gurcan, aged 33, a hairdressing shop manager, of Green Lanes, Haringey, was fined £200. He admitted using a station for wireless telegraphy without a licence on August 22 at Birchington Road, Hornsey.

Gurcan was operation the station for the owner of the equipment.

Staff puzzled at Carrier's closure news

By Rupert Morris

There was scarcely a ripple on the aspic-coated surface of Carrier's Restaurant in Islington, London, yesterday, despite the news that the place is to close at the end of the month.

The casual luncher – of whom there are not many at £22.50 a head, exclusive of wine – would have been able to enjoy impeccably served dishes such as marinated scallops, consomm of langoustine, and breast of quail, blissfully unaware that a gastronomic chapter was coming to a close.

Beneath the surface, however, there was sadness and bewilderment that Carrier's for son long the London standard-bearer of Mr Robert Carrier's food and publishing empire, should have received its death warrant.

Mr Carrier, aged 64 and an American, whose face and voice are familiar to millions through his recipes and television appearances, was in Marrackesh yesterday, having written to every member of his staff last week informing them of the closure, and giving them between one and two months' notice.

Mr Angelo Tardioli, wine waiter since Carrier's was established 18 years ago, said: "The problem is the staff. We have the best customers in London, but tonight I have to close one room because I do not have the staff.

"Last night I worked till 1am and was back again at 9am. People don't want to work a 12 or 14-hour day nowadays."

In the absence of a wealthy and adventurous buyer, the closure of Carrier's on September 29 will deprive nearly 30 loyal staff of their livelihoods and London will lose a unique temple of gastronomic flamboyance.

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Engineers' defeat keeps open possibility of unions' return to Neddy

Reports by John Winder, Derek Barnett, and Stephen Goodwin

A majority of 1,601,000 on card vote at the 116th annual TUC Congress at the Brighton Conference Centre yesterday kept open the way for the general council to return to the National Economic Development Council.

A motion by the Technical, Administrative and Supervisory section of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering workers instructing the council not to participate was rejected by 5,650,000 to 4,049,000.

Mr David Basnett, for the general council, opening the debate, said that significant progress would have had to be demonstrated in the methods of the NEDC before the TUC economic committee, and the general council decided to end their boycott, which started as a protest against the Government ban on trade unions at GCHQ.

Mr Kenneth Gill, General secretary of Tass, moved the motion, which was taken with two composite motions on related economic subjects. It read: "Given the Government's legislative and repressive attack on the trade union movement and its unbending commitment to economic policies which create mass unemployment and reduce the standard of living of our members, congress instructs the general council not to participate in the NEDC."

He said that loitering without intent in the corridors of power might inflate the egos of those who wanted to rub shoulders with the mighty, but did nothing for their members.

Mr Basnett, general secretary of the General, Municipal, Boilermakers and Allied Trades Union, said that the movement must sharpen its attack on the failure of the Government's monetarist experiment. It must develop alternative policies relevant to members' experiences and campaign for them passionately, persuasively, and intelligently.

The Government was fond of telling trade unions to face the facts, so it should face a few: a greater proportion of national output had been lost in this depression than in the great depression of 1929-34.

The critical issue was to establish the facts of economic life and to convince people that the movement's analysis was correct.

One motion called for a conference of union executives in the public sector. The general council, for which he was speaking, had reservations whether that was the best way and needed to determine its timing and precise form.

Dealing with the Tass motion asking for withdrawal from the NEDC, he said that the council could be an important public platform for the TUC's alternative policies, indeed one of the few platforms left open.

The congress had always been in favour of tripartism but it must be to its advantage in the long run. That was why it stayed on the MSC and would continue to remain as long as it could demonstrate long-term benefits to its members.

Last year, the congress had overwhelmingly rejected withdrawal from NEDC, but the GCHQ issue had demanded a response and so the council had suspended attendance.

That had remained the council position, but it had forced changes. The CBI was sceptical of government attitudes and policy, particularly for members in building and civil engineering. There was scope for a major push on infrastructure investment and construction by the TUC and CBI.

The Tass motion would also undermine the council's negotiating position with the CBI and Government on working methods of the NEDC. If the congress endorsed the general council's report and rejected the motion. A further meeting of the TUC-CBI committee would be held and the result would be considered by the economic committee and general council.

"Then and only then, if significant progress has been judged to have been made, will the general council's representatives return to the NEDC. The general council is seeking a negotiating mandate from congress not a blank cheque."

The choice was clear: to continue the fight against monetarism by every means possible and on every platform possible, or to retreat.

The second was easier, giving TUC representatives the luxury of talking to themselves and never having to put policies to the test. The first was harder, but ultimately more rewarding.

Mr Mostyn Evans, General secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union, moved a composite motion deploring the Government's complacent attitude to continuing mass unemployment.

It called for a vigorous campaign to combat government economic policies and said that the congress must present strategy which would command the support of the vast majority of the electorate. It also demanded a comprehensive policy statement setting out specific long-term objectives and priorities to be placed before the 1985 congress.

Mr Evans said that the Government said that it was at long last on the road success because of its tough surgery but they all knew and the nation knew that the economy was getting worse.

The only reason there had not been serious financial collapse was North Sea oil revenues. British goods were 40 per cent over priced in world markets because of the false value of sterling and the long history of under-investment and poor management.

That could not be blamed on wages because British wages were low by international standards.

Mr Alan Tuffin, General secretary of the Union of Communication Workers, seconding, said that they had to consider a range of issues involved in the work ethic. Those who had faced job losses knew that even when there was growth, employers used methods designed to avoid more employment – new technology, bonus and productivity schemes and excessive overtime.



Mr Evans: "Economy getting worse"

Their view of the traditional working week was becoming increasingly old fashioned as many sought to change hours to meet social circumstances.

Overtime was a way of propping up inadequate basic wages but it was a scandal that with up to four million looking for work, three million adult male workers were doing overtime.



Mr Gill: "No effect on policy"

Mr Tom Sawyer, National Union of Public Employees, moving a second composite motion condemning the Government's public spending plans, and calling for them to be increased, said that cuts hit poor families hard: not just the miners were starving, but seven million people living on inadequate incomes.

It was offensive and repugnant to men and women who had paid taxes to build up profitable public industry to find that they were asked to buy shares in British Telecom, which they owned.

Mr Kevin Fitzgerald, National Association of Teachers in Further and Higher Education, seconding, said that they needed increased spending on wages to create demand for manufactured goods, on health, welfare and education to build their capacity as a working population in response to increased economic activity and on nationalized industries as a basis for planned growth.

Mr Gill, moving the motion, said only the general council had severe withdrawal symptons.

"There is not a jqt of evidence that our gold-plated six, which is what we call them amongst ourselves, have had the slightest effect on any policy since 1979."

The pull-out had come in disgust when the Government smashed trade unionism at GCHQ, Cheltenham. And the Government had not changed its mind. It had continued attacking workers.

Why could the general council not be as consistent as the Government? There was no need to attend Neddy. Workers could put a clear point of view and the general council could speak to ministers on issues effecting members across the table, in confrontation, and without the charade of pursuing so-called common objectives.

The excuse for returning to Neddy was that the CBI shared some of the TUC's criticisms but this was a shabby pretext for reentering this rich man's monetarist club.

There was no moral, political or economic justification for going into Neddy again.

Mr Larry Smith, Transport and General Workers' Union, seconding the motion, said: "I am rapidly coming to the conclusion that, the only way to change Margaret Thatcher's mind is by brain transplant, on BUPA of course. But I only hope she does not look around her Cabinet for a donor."

It was unrealistic not to believe that to go back to Neddy with their tails between their legs when the Government had made no concessions would be interpreted as an act of surrender.

Mr William Keys, secretary of the Society of Graphical and Allied Trades '82, moving his union's motion on repressive government policies, said his objective was to defeat this Government and to return a Labour government.

The media abdicated its responsibility. Any serious and balanced political debate was stilled by it. How could one expect otherwise when most of the media was controlled by politically-motivated individuals with little sympathy for the mass or ordinary working people?

Mr Alex Smith, secretary of the National Union of Tailors and Garment Workers, second in the motion, said the movement had to get the return of a Labour government and to work in partnership, not to kick it in the crutch every time the going got rough.

Ms Muriel Turner, Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs, said there was disturbing evidence that the recession was affecting women's employment particularly adversely.

Mr Ray Alderson, Civil and Public Services Association, supporting the motion on public spending, said his union was non political in the party political sense. It was not affiliated to the Labour Party. But fighting for public sector pay and jobs would bring it up against the Government.

Mr Basnett said Neddy could not be destroyed if the TUC wanted a Labour government which would plan the economy. It would take years to bring Neddy back with all its knowledge and expertise.

"I am a nogotiator, do not deny me the chance to negotiate."

Both composite motions were agreed on a show of hands.

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Pensive pose: Mr Len Murray and Mr William Sirs (Photograph: John Manning)

Government condemned for its deliberate education cutbacks

Attacks on the Government's education policy came from delegates who unanimously passed a motion by the National Union of Teachers which condemned the Government's deliberate cut in resources and plans for further cutbacks.

During the debate on the motion, Mr Clive Jenkins, general secretary of the Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs, speaking for general council, said that the death rattle of the consensus in public education had been heard in the land.

The motion criticized the Government for reducing the powers of local education authorities, for its penalties against local government spending on education, its centralization of control of education, its support for privatization of education services and its attacks on the principle of comprehensive education.

The Government's alleged failure to reform effectively the examination system for those aged 16-19, to provide funds to expand nursery education and to estimate properly the future demand for higher education were also criticized.

The motion called on the general council to renew and extend the campaign for a comprehensive, properly staffed and resourced public education service. It asked the government to give the funds to expand education opportunities, to allow wider access to universities and higher education and to increase staffing.

A motion calling on the Government to set up a properly resourced national body to ensure more coordination in curriculum development, reform of school examinations, and teacher training was carried.

The motion welcomed as "positive initiatives" the Schools Council industry project, the MSC's technical vocational education initiative and the new certificate of pre-vocational education.

Nevertheless, it said, "real progress depends on far better coordination between all the agencies involved, including the schools, local educational authorities, MSC, unions and employers".

Mr Leif Mills, General secretary of the Banking Insurance and Finance union, introducing the motion, said they needed to look at the quality of education in relation to the needs of the economy and society.

Mr Gordon Green, of the National Union of Teachers, said that it was the considered view of many people who were programming for next year in large urban areas that only one school leaver in six or seven would be guaranteed full employment.

"It is a national disgrace. We are betraying a whole generation of young people."

Mr Green said that they should be looking at ways of broadening the secondary school curriculum instead of abandoning subjects such as music, poetry and real life skills.

Mr Jenkins said that a vigorous and expanding education system was vital to the nation's economic and social future. Higher education particularly was the key to opening up an important research and development effort on which future employment depended. The UK could not hope to compete with countries which were training their young people.

He hoped that the TUC national education centre would have qualifications and award diplomas with travelling scholarships. He wanted TUC leaders to go to teach. It was proposed to create a new cadre of informed young trade union leaders.

Mr Peter Griffin, of the National Union of Teachers, moving his union's motion, spoke of the continuing and depresssing downward spiral of education provision in Britain. There had been scurrilous attacks on dedicated teachers during the current pay negotiations which, for the time being only, had denied teachers a just settlement.

Forty years ago the main political parties had set their face against privilege and against money being the sole means of getting a good education.

"But that 1944 covenant is in great danger", he said. "As the state sector becomes more and more impoverished so the private sector, with all the advantages of small classes and individual education, gains in strength, especially through the direct subsidy of the assisted place scheme."

If that division put the social structures back 50 years, delegates should consider how the insidious pressure for reintroduction of selection in education further undermined the ideal of equal opportunity for their children. Government policies did not seem to show any concern for the development of the skills and talents of the people which were so necessary for the nation's economic future.

Mr Joe Boone, of the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers, seconded the motion and said job security in teaching was a myth. The sacrifices of today would turn into the sacrifices of tomorrow. It would be a human sacrifice of children, youth, the entire community, on the altar of public spending priorities which put a higher price on policing industrial disputes and defending a few sheep on a collection of rocks in the south atlantic.

Ms Penny Mullen, Association of University Teachers, said the South of England always won in taking up places in higher education. Mature students wanting a second chance were being pushed out by lack of places. The Government was saying that if more people were to become university entrants, standards would be reduced. This was elitism.



Mr Mills: "Consider society's needs"

'Don't walk away from 400,000 youngsters'

A move that could have led to the TUC withdrawing support for the Government's Youth Training Scheme was comfortably defeated by the congress yesterday on a show of hands.

Mr Clive Jenkins, on behalf of the general council, urged unions who had remained aloof from the scheme to opt in and "get their hands dirty". It was because their were problems with it that unions should get involved.

The congress carried a motion deploring the failure of the Government's White Paper [illegible] ing For Jobs to deal with [illegible] complaints about YTS. In particular, it condemned the [illegible] to increase significantly the £2[illegible] week allowance to those on the scheme and benefit cuts for [illegible] who refused a place or left early.

An amendment by the National and Local Government Officers' Association adding that the TUC General Council consult unions with a view to withdrawing support for the scheme from March unless the Government was ready to meet criticisms of the scheme was defeated.

Mr Jenkins, general secretary of ASTMS, said that the TUC could not walk away from the 0,000 people on the scheme. "If we did that there would be many who would be ready to say we were not interested, we did not care.

"We would not want these 400,000 young people to think that when the going gets rough the trade unions opt out.")

Without the three TUC commissioners for the scheme there would be no pressure to increase the allowance paid, and no pressure to remove compulsion, improve health and safety or to monitor equal opportunites.

Mr Peter Dawson, general secretary of the National Association of Teachers in Further and Higher Education, said the past year had done nothing to allay trade unionists anxieties.

The scheme was not sufficiently monitored and it did not provide a big enogh allowance; greater and greater use was made private training agencies

Mr David Stockford, Nalgo, moving the amendment, said Nalgo did not want to see trade union support withdrawn, but if the Government would not make the scheme worthwhile, then unions owed it to their members and young people to call it a dy and pull out.

The Government saw the Youth Training Scheme only as a way of keeping down the unemployment figures and cutting youth wages.

The scheme budgeted to cost about £1,000m a year. Because of low take-up of places it cost about £800m a year. To put the allowance up to £34 a week would cost £110m, still within the scheme's resources.

Demand for 35-hour working week

The TUC is to publish detailed guidelines for union negotiators on reducing the working week. The congress passed one resolution instructing unions to seek a 35-hour week without loss of pay.

That resolution also called for a campaign to secure a minimum of six weeks holiday and phased reduction of the working week for those over 55.

The TUC is urged to press the government for legislation to limit the amount of overtime in any week and, in the longer term, to get the retirement age down to 55.

Mr David Basnett, on behalf of the general council, while fully supporting the campain for a shorter working week, had said that on legislation to limit overtime the general council were committed only to discussions with a future "sympathetic" government. Their immediate objective on retirement age was to get it down to 60.

The next congress would review the campaign for a shorter working week.

Mr Jerry Russell, AUEW (Engineering Section) moving the resolution, said a 35-hour week could create 750,000 jobs.

European nations had shown a far greater willingness to tackle unemployment by reducing hours. In Belgium, a 35-hour working week was almost normal for everyone.

"In Thatcher's Britain we work on average more hours and suffer higher unemployment than almost any other country in the western industrialized world."

Fifty per cent male manual workers worked overtime. The average was 9½ hours a week. "So in some sectors of British industry we have still to win the 40-hour week," Mr Russell said.

Mr Bryan Stanley, general secretary of the Post Office Engineering Union, seconding the resolution, said to provide work for all meant there must be a shorter working life.

In telecommunications, now popularly described as information technology, the experience was not of a new industry creating jobs, but of new technology devouring jobs at an ever increasing rate, Mr Stanley said.

The congress passed a resolution stating that the concept of incomes which were too low for decent dignified lives was unacceptable. It emphasized that low pay was a particularly problem for women.

The resolution instructed the general council to compile a report for the congress in 1986 on the relationship between the tax and social security system and options for ending the poverty trap, eliminating discrimination against women and unacceptably low incomes.

Members of the new general council

By David Felton

The TUC General Council which takesover tomorrow is as follows: Mr Moss Evans, Mr Walter Greendale, Mr Brian Nicholson, Mr Ron Todd, Mr Larry Smith Transport and General Workers, Union; Mr Terry Duffy, Mr Gerry Russell, Mr Eddie Scrivens, Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers; Mr David Basnett Mr Fred Baker, Mr Jack Eccles, General Municipal, Boilermakers and Allied Trades Union; Mr John Daly, Mr Bill Gill, Mr Norrie Steele, National and Local Government Officers Association; Mr Rodney Bickerstaffe, Mr Dilwyn Davies National Union of Public Employees.

Mr Ken Gill, AUEW (Technical Adminstrative and Supervisory Section); Mr Roy Grantham, Association of Professional, Executive, Clerical and Computer Staff; Mr Clive Jenkins, Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs; Mr Leif Mills, Banking Isurance and Finance Union: Mr Ray Alderson, Civil and Public Services Association; Mr David Williams, Confederation of Health Service Employees; Mr Eric Hammond, Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunication and Plumbing Union; Mr Fred Smithers, National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers.

Mr Tony Dubbins, National Graphical Association 1982; Mr Michael McGahey, National Union of Mineworkers; Mr James Knapp, National Union of Railwaymen; Mr Fred Jarvis, National Union of Teachers; Mr Bryan Stanley, Post Office Engineering Union; Mr William Keys, Society of Graphical and Allied Trades '82; Mr Alan Tuffin, Union of Communication Workers; Mr Les Wood, Union of Construction, Allied Trades and Technicians; Mr Bill Whatley, Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers; Mr Raymond Buckton, Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen; Mr Tony Christopher, Inland Revenue Staff Federation.

Mr David Lambert, National Union of Hosiery and Knitwear Workers; Mr Bert Lyons, Transport Salaried Staffs Association; Mr John Lyons, Engineers' and Managers' Association; Mr William McCall, Institution of Professional Civil Servants; Mr Charles McCarthy, National Society of Metal Mechanics; Mr John Morton, Musicians' Union; Mr William Sirs, Iron and Steel Trades Confederation; Mr Alec Smith, National Union of Tailors and Garment Workers; Mr Bob Stevenson, National Union of The Footwear, Leather and Allied Trades; Mrs Olwyn Davies, Nupe; Miss Ada Maddocks, National and Local Government Officers Association.

Mrs Gina Morgan, AUEW; Mrs Marie Patterson, TGWU; Mrs Muriel Turner, ASTMS; Mrs Pat Turner, GMBATU.

Today's debates

The congress will resume its economic policy debate this morning, tackling the campaign against privatization. Motions on industry, local government and the press and information follow. International issues form the main afternoon business, including motions on nuclear disarmament and Nato.

Leaflet plea on Labour 'racism'

By Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent

Union delegates have been urged to fight the "institutional racism" of *the Labour movement*.

A leaflet distributed by the National Black Sections Steering Committee at Brighton appeals to the unions to help blacks and Asians set up a pressure *point within the* Labour Party; black sections.

It says: "A much more positive policy on race must be adopted by the Labour Party if it is to continue to be seen as the 'natural' home of the black vote.

"Years of indifference, neglect and racism have created a situation where potential black members of the party ask themselves: 'Why get involved in an organization which, despite its rhetoric around election time, suggests by its every public act and image that black people play no part in it?'

"Black activists involved for a struggle for our own section in the party, structured along the lines of women's sections, are no longer prepared to accept the absence of black people at most decision-making levels of the Labour Party.

"Black sections will make sure that those who bear the heaviest brunt of racism in society can at last play a direct role in its eradication – a role so long oveldue.

***"This is particularly so in the* inner cities where Labour so heavily relies on the black vote but does so little to deserve it.**

"We say that by direct participation and representation through black sections, we as black people will at last be able to present our problems, thoughts and aspirations by ourselves, without recourse to *middlemen broking on our behalf*."

Although 20 resolutions have been submitted for a possible black section debate at the Labour conference, at Blackpool, early next month, and the leaflet says: "Trade unions hold almost 90 per cent of the vote at the Labour Party conference and we ask you to use your votes positively to help us win the black sections debate".

Mr Neil Kinnock, Labour leader, Mr Roy Hattersley, deputy leader and Mr Gerald Kaufman, home affairs spokesman, have opposed the creation of black sections on the grounds that they would create a "ghetto" within the party.

Inmos sale vote

Delegates voted unanimously in favour of a resolution condemning the Government's sale of its majority stake in Inmos, the computer chip company, and instructing the TUC to ensure that Britain retained and developed its information technology capability.

Import ban call

A composite motion calling for import controls was carried by a large majority on a show of hands. It was moved by Mr Paul Gallagher, of the Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunications and Plumbing Trades Union.

Tax on spending 'leaving most people worse off'

The congress passed on a show of hands a motion condemning the Government for failing to produce a fair and equitable personal taxation system, and deploring the decision to withdraw the 25 per cent tax relief on overseas earnings.

Mr Tony McGregor, of the National Union of Seamen, moving it, said that the Government was torn between taxing income at the same rate or taxing only spending. If it continued to switch from income to spending, most people would be worse off.

The 25 per cent relief on overseas earnings had been compensation for the extra expenditure incurred by people such as seafarers, lorry drivers and airline workers, but it had been abused by businessmen

Mr Brian Orrell, Merchant Navy and Airline Officers' Association, said the association was concerned about people who had little or no say in how long they spent out of Britain.

Prep schools' conference

Trial for new common entrance paper

From Colin Hughes
Cambridge

Pupils competing to enter public schools at 13 will soon have a less strenuous option when sitting the common entrance examination.

Preparatory school head teachers have reached agreement with their opposite numbers in the independent and public schools over amalgamating three of the common entrance papers so that the whole examination lasts three days instead of the present four.

The new general paper will take in the previous geography, history, and scripture papers. It will be launched in November next year, it was disclosed at yesterday's annual conference of the Incorporated Association of Preparatory Schools, being held at Trinity College, Cambridge.

For a trial period of three years, preparatory schools will be free to choose whether their pupils will sit the new paper or continue with the old papers. Mr John Clark, chairman of the association, and headmaster of the Malsis School, Cross Hills, Keighley, North Yorkshire, said he expected take-up to be slow at first, but hoped that the three-year trial would be enough to persuade most heads to ease the examination pressure on young teenagers.

In his chairman's address yesterday, Mr Clark said the new paper would encourage better teaching and a broader curriculum in independent schools. Teachers would be less able to "topic spot", that is, attempt to predict which question would come up in the common entrance examination.

He thought that some preparatory school teachers were guilty of "common entrance mania", of "unashamed cramming", and of teaching subjects barely relevant to modern needs. "I suggest that none of us should worship that great god, common entrance", he added.

Public school head teachers have been wary of the move, fearing that children's learning would be watered down, but Mr Clark said they were now convinced that it would help to extend breadth of independent education.

Update image to survive, schools told

Harsh and regimented preparatory schools should relax their rules and spruce up their surroundings to help them to stay in business, headmasters were told yesterday.

Mr John Clark, chairman of the Incorporated Association of Preparatory Schools, which has 550 members, told its annual conference that head teachers should help with do-it-yourself work to update their schools' images.

Fees, which are rising more quickly than inflation, could be kept down by hiring a handyman to do routine repairs and decorating, and by taking on their own laundry and catering rather than contracting out. At his own school, Malsis, in North Yorkshire, Mr Clark said that £8,000 a year was saved on laundry bills.

Although he thought that autocratically ruled schools were almost a thing of the past, preparatory schools had a long way to go before their spartan image was forgotten.

Iron bedsteads should be thrown out to turn dormitory into bedrooms and head teachers should help to lay carpets over bare boards.

Preparatory schools should also fill up to 10 per cent of their places with handicapped and slow-learning children and foster exchanges with state schools.

Preparatory schools achieved a pupil population of 100,000 for the first time, although pupil members are falling nationally. However, head teachers should not be complacent, Mr Clark said. To keep up numbers, independent schools would need to increase their share of the market from 6.1 per cent of all pupils to 7 per cent by 1991.

Mrs Patricia Wood, vice-chairman of the association and headmistress of the Princess of Wales's former school, Riddlesworth Hall in Norfolk, said that more parents were choosing a combination of state and independent education for their children.

Young couples with both parents working now preferred to send their children to a preparatory school between the ages of eight and thirteen, but to state schools before and after.

Mrs Wood said that schools needed to adapt to children challenging authority more frequently.

Baby's inquest adjourned

The inquest into the death of Tyra Henry, aged 21 months, was opened and adjourned until December 14 at Southwark Coroners Court yesterday. The child of Evelyn House, Bonham House, Bonham Road, Brixton, South London, died of bronchial pneumonia and head injuries, Dr Ian West, a pathologist said.

Det Chief Inspector Michael Shorter said that her father, Andrew Neil, aged 20, an unemployed electrician from Brixton, has been charged with her murder.

Three Iranians refused bail

Three Iraninan students held in Durham jail, who say they face execution after being recommended for deportation for shoplifting by Teesside magistrates, were refused bail yesterday by a judge. Their appeals against the sentences will be heard next week at Teesside Crown Court.

Simin Miri, aged 21, Sima Haghshenass and Lida Shamlou, both aged 24, who lived together in Crescent Road, Middlesbrough, are all activists against the Khomeini regime, the court was told. Miss Haghshenass was granted political asylum in Britain last year.

'Outlaw union gags on papers'

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Legislation to prevent trade unions disrupting or halting newspaper production over the inclusion of articles or advertisements to which the unions take exception was called for by a leading newspaper lawyer yesterday.

Such acts of "sabotage" by trade unions posed a threat to press freedom, Mr Peter Carter-Ruck, a libel lawyer, said.

The only way to stop the "inexcusable behaviour" of some of the printing unions would be to make it an offence to refuse to publish or print any material which was not against the law, he said.

That would also give the editor a right of dismissal for such interference with the publication of his newspaper, Mr Carter-Ruck said.

"To allow the printing unions to dictate to an editor what his readers are to be allowed or not to be allowed to read could become a greater threat than the erosive legislation which in this century the press has had to endure."

Mr Carter-Ruck, who was addressing lawyers at the International Bar Association's twentieth biennial conference in Vienna, also said that government legislation was so eroding press freedom that in the field of criminal law "we are moving towards the private trial".

He named the Official Secrets Act, 1911, particularly section 2, which had been widely discredited yet was neither amended nor appealed, and the Contempt of Court Act, 1981.

That was leading to "gagging orders" by courts on the reporting of judicial proceedings, he said, for which the blame must lie with legislators

He also said that the present TUC-backed campaign for a statutory right of reply in newspapers would further fetter press freedom and, under the threat of prohibitive fines, erode the right of editors to publish what they wished within the law.

A right of reply already existed under the Defamation Act, 1952, under which reports lost the protection of qualified privilege if editors refused any statement or letter explaining or contradicting the report.

Mr Carter-Ruck urged all editors and journalists to resist further press-related legislation, whatever its alleged purpose.

Stubble-burners reported

Several Lincolnshire farmers have been reported for alleged breaches of stubble-burning by-laws after a day of serious field fires, it was disclosed yesterday.

On Monday winds fanned stubble fires throughout the county causing more than a dozen fires to get out of hand, destroying 74 acres of standing crops and more than five miles of hedges and banksides. Families were evacuated at Reepham, near Lincoln.

Mr Colin Brereton, the county's deputy fire-prevention officer, said yesterday: "Even fires which were lit in accordance with the stubble-burning code got out of hand, but a number of others have been reported to the district councils, who decide whether to take action under local by-laws.

'Use post code' campaign

A £5m campaign to persuade people to use post codes was launched by the Post Office yesterday.

It marks the completion of a £100m modernization programme next year to bring high-speed machine letter-sorting to the whole of Britain, at a saving to the Post Office of up to £30m in a year.

Chile police accused of brutality after death of French priest

From Our Correspondent
Santiago

Opponents of the military regime in Chile yesterday tried further to paralyse the country after a French priest and two other people including a 14-year-old boy – died during the first of two days of protest against the Government.

Father Andre Jarlan, aged 44, was found dead with two bullets in the neck in his Santiago shanty town house. He was reading the Bible when he was shot. Another French priest who shared the house with him was quoted as saying that the bullets came from police who ran down the street firing bursts from machine guns.

"It is a message from God to stop the violence and to listen to the people who are only asking for work and justice. It is a message from God so there is no more hate," Archbishop Francisco Fresno said; adding that the Roman Catholic Church was in mourning.

The two days of protest called by the opposition parties – Democratic Alliance, Socialist Block and Popular Democratic Movement – drew a disappointing response, but were punctuated by excessive police violence.

On Tuesday morning, about 300 protesters gathered in the Plaza de Armas in the centre of Santiago and tried to sing the Chilean national anthem. Police, using truncheons, water cannon and dogs, broke up the demonstration and arrested more than 100 people, including the union leader, Señor Rodolfo Seguel, who was wounded. The president of the International Christian Democracy, Señor Andrés Zaldivar, was also arrested but freed soon after.

He told *The Times*: "Chile is a country occupied by force. You can't express your ideas without being repressed . . . I was witness to the Government's violence which, instead of protecting the population, attacked it.

"The protest day is an attempt by the people of Chile to express their desire to return to democracy, and once again the Government has acted with repression, brutally attacking the public. The three deaths, 100 wounded and 250 arrested show the Government is only staying in by force."

University students built barricades on their campuses and threw stones at police, and in working-class areas residents also erected barricades, burnt tyres and set four buses on fire.

The Government prevented the two main radio stations from broadcasting normal news programmes, allowing only the official line to be put.

A 35-year-old rehabilitated drug addict was fatally wounded in the back while manning a barricade in the same shanty area where the priest died. In a similar incident at another barricade, a 14-year-old boy was shot dead.

The biggest impact on the second day of the protest was a work stoppage by lorry drivers in Santiago. They were joined by some drivers in other cities.

More than 100 demonstrators have died since May, 1983, in protests against President Pinochet's rule. The political effects of the latest unrest are unclear. Last year the President responded to the first big demonstrations by letting thousands of exiles come home, easing press censorship and permitting opposition parties to operate or the first time in a decade.

He has recently, however, returned to repressive measures and sounded more confident about his plans to stay in power until 1989.



Man in the middle: Señor Zaldivar, one of the main opposition leaders, is arrested in Santiago after being sprayed by water cannon.

Paris protests to Pinochet over killing

France has ordered its ambassador to Chile to protest at the killing of the French priest (Reuter reports from Paris).

The Government spokesman *M Roland Dumas, said*: "The French Government condemns the brutal repression of demonstrations that express the Chilean people's desire to see democracy restored. France paid homage to Father Jarlan

The Chilean Government has ordered an inquiry

Theatre of hooligans taps hidden talents

From Our Own Correspondent
Moscow

An amateur theatre using the hidden talents of drunks, hooligans and layabouts, is proving a success with Moscow audiences after initial disasters in which both actors and theatregoers became involved in drunken brawls.

The theatre, in a cramped basement flat in the run down working-class south-west of Moscow, is run by Valery Belakovich, a 34-year-old failed actor.

Seeing that many young people in the district wasted their evenings in bars and wine shops, Mr Belakovich decided to make life in the dismal housing blocks more attractive. His first production, a play based on an old musical comedy called *Trouble in a Tender Heart*, collapsed when customers from the wine shop upstairs poured into the basement to watch their mates tread the boards. Amid shouting and jeering an affray broke out and Mr Belakovich was punched on the nose.

The leading actor in Bulgakov's *Moliere*, a former ringleader of the local street gangs, has even been offered the title role in a joint Soviet-Spanish production of *Don Quixote*. The theatre is besieged by requests for tickets from official organizations.

The theatre's rise comes as the Soviet press in deploring the state of modern theatre *and depicting a crisis in* Socialist-Realist drama.

***Sovietskaya Kultura* said *most plays published in the* last year were second-rate, and the "industrial drama", with *its* stock "positive hero" fulfilling norms laid down by the party, is sinking under the weight of ideological clichés.**

Nuclear issue dominates campaign

Arms pact is Mondale aim

From Nicholas Ashford, Salt Lake City

Mr Walter Mondale, the Democratic presidential candidate, *yesterday announced that*, if elected in November, he would – on his first day as President –, call on the Soviet Union to hold arms talks in Geneva within six months.

At these talks he would urge Moscow to agree to a temporary halt to the testing of all nuclear and space weapons to enable the two superpowers to embark on full-scale negotiations aimed at achieving a nuclear arms freeze. *This would be followed* by a reduction of their nuclear arsenals.

His speech was *an attempt* to capture the high ground in the debate over nuclear weapons which is emerging as one of the main issues of the election

In his hard-hitting speech before the sixty-sixth annual convention of the American Legion, Mr Mondale emphasized that "arms control is not weakness." *Noting that every* Presidnet from Kennedy to Carter had negotiated arms control agreements with the Soviet Union, he sharply criticized President Reagan for being the first President "since *the bomb went off never* to have negotiated arms control". He had not even met his Soviet counterpart.

"He has failed this crucial test of presidential leadership," Mr Mondale declared. "He has conducted an arms race on Earth, and now he wants to extend it into the heavens. He even *makes jokes about* nuclear war. But nuclear war is not funny."

Mr Mondale spelt out in some detail how he would go *about negotiating arms* reductions with the Soviet Union.

First, he would call on *Moscow to accept mutual*, verifiable restraints; among them a pause in the testing of all *nuclear* weapons, and in the testing and deployment of all space weapons.

He would then use this pause in order to challange the Soviet leaders to return to the bargain*ing table and negotiate* a lasting, effective agreement to put a mutual and verifiable freeze on the nuclear arms race, and reduce arsenals of nuclear war.

He would insist, he said, that *all agreements* were *verifiable*. "We are determined never to lose an arms race," he told the legionnaires. "But we're also smart enough to know that, in the nuclear world, no one can win an arms race."

Mr Mondale explained his opposition to the MX missile and BI bomber saying they *would be as vulnerable as the* weapons they replace. He has vowed to scrap both programmes if elected.

He would, however, go ahead with what he described as survivable nuclear systems, such as the Trident 2 submarine-launched missile, the Midgetman mobile ICBM, and te Stealth strategic bomber

In an attempt to counter Republican allegations that he was "soft" on defence, Mr Mondale emphasized that he was committed to building a "strong defence aimed at deterring aggression and reducing the risk of nuclear war".

He used strong terms to castigate the Soviet Union, terms which could have almost been taken from President Reagan's lexicon of anti-Soviet rhetoric.

The Soviet leaders were "cynical, ruthless and dangerous. They *repress their citizens* . . . . in the Middle East they sabotage peace. From Asia to Africa to Latin America, they suppress human rights and export instability."

Although most of his speech dealt with defence issues, Mr Mondale also used his appearance before a largely conservative *audience to show that he* and his party were as patriotic and as true-blooded Americans as his opponents.

On Tuesday, President Reagan, appearing before the same gathering, had posed as *the champion of the* "new patriotism".

The legionnaires clearly preferred the optimistic, uncomplicated speech which President Reagan had delivered the previous day. But they listened *to Mr Mondale with respectful* attention and even applauded on occasions.

Odinga's comeback attempt scuppered

Nairobi (AFP). – The Kenyan authorities have squashed an apparent attempt at a public *comeback by the former* Vice-President, Mr Odinga.

Mr Odinga, aged 73, launched the Ramogi Development Trust last weekend, describing it as a country-wide body aimed at "improving the quality of life of Kenyans," with himself as its promoter.

He said it would be a public, *non-profit making organization* run on commercial lines, to fund the establishment of educational bodies and colleges

But the announcement by Mr Odinga, who was released from a period of house arrest earlier this year, led to claims that the organization was tribal. Mr Odinga, who belongs to the Luo *tribe, Kenya's second largest* after the Kikuyu, denied this.

The registrar of companies revealed on Monday that the Ramogi Development Trust, which was registered in May, had been struck off the register.

A Soviet-style tourist problem

'Wild ones' plague Yalta

From Richard Owen
Yalta

Anton Chekhov built himself a villa here. So did Nicholas II, and Soviet leaders come here to *rest from the cares of the* Kremlin.

It is not hard to see why, Yalta, set on a superb stretch of Black Sea coast offers sun, bathing and scenery comparable with the Italian or French Riviera. The Russians rather earnestly refer to Yalta's climatic properties and restorative *powers, but, we would simply* say it is a first class resort.

There is no topless sunbathing, and the usual fare of cabbage pies and chicken Kiev reminds you that you are still in the Soviet Union. But there are comparatively few propaganda slogans, and the atmosphere is relaxed.

"*The Soviet Union is the* bulwark of peace" seems a little absurd on a giant placard at the entrance to the Hotel Yalta, as if it had been placed by mistake on a corniche near Nice. The same is true of the portrait of Lenin next to the Beach Restaurant where Yalta's good-time girls gather in the warm, fragrant evening in search of hard currency tourists and entry to the magic world of foreign tourism.

The Hotel Yalta is the town's showpiece. Completed five years ago with Yugoslav help, it has 1,500 unusually clean and well-appointed rooms, a higher standard of service than nor*mally* found in Russia, and a lift straight down to the beach. On the Adriatic this might not seem remarkable but on the Black Sea it is a welcome surprise.



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The private beach is a babble of German, English, Finnish, and some Russian, since quite a few privileged Soviet citizens seem able to take their families to the Hotel Yalta for their annual holiday.

The vast majority of Russians, though, go to Sanatoria and "houses of rest" run by their trade union or factory. Here conditions are more spartan, but on the other hand the vouchers *(putyovkas)* are very cheap and much in demand. In the Soviet Union you do not spend winter evenings flicking through colourful travel brochures (only tiny numbers ever travel *abroad, in supervised groups)*. Instead you put your name down for a *putyovka* and pull as many strings as you can to ensure you get a place in a sanatorium or holiday centre at some desirable resort such as Yalta, Sochi or Sukhumi.

The voucher system is designed to ensure that workers and peasants *have* access to holiday places which were previously the preserve of the aristocracy, the merchant class and the intelligentsia, and on the whole it works very well. Flights are also cheap, and Russians feel that, despite the queues, congestion and shortages, they benefit from Soviet rule.

What worries the authorities, on the other hand, is the astonishing rise in the numbers of "wild" tourists, known in Russian as *dikari*, who cast aside the collective and just turn up on the Black Sea, often finding rooms in private flats.

Down at the Yalta quayside, where holidaymakers stroll and enjoy a lively fun fair while the great steamers dock alongside, an old man taking ferry tickets grabbed me by the arm and fixed me with his mariner's eye. He said he was a retired naval officer, and complained that Yalta was becoming clogged up *with wild tourists*. "We haven't the facilities," he said. "Yalta budgets for two million visitors a year, but we're getting nearly three million."

The *Literary Gazette* recently reported that at the high season there are twice as many people in the Crimean resorts as they can cope with. Most of the *dikari*, it said, are in their teens and twenties, young Russians impatient with the restrictions *of the pioneer camp or the* house of rest. The paper suggested, without much hope that it would work, that police in The Crimea should be stationed at Black Sea resorts in a mass operation to keep the "wild ones" out.

Muzorewa stays away from party and press

Harare–Bishop Abel Muzorewa, the former Prime Minister of Zimbabwe who was released on Tuesday after 10 months in detention, stayed well out of politics yesterday (Jan Raath writes). A scheduled press conference *did not take place*.

The bishop spent the day with fellow members of the American-based United Methodist Church, being briefed on events during his absence. He did not call at the headquarters of his party. The UANC.

Socialist pledge

Nairobi – Representatives of West *European parties* at the Socialist International conference at Arusha in northern Tanzania agreed yesterday to mobilize more international economic and political pressure against South Africa for Namibian independence and an end to apartheid (Charles Harrison writes).

Airship patrol

The British-built Skyship 600 airship will serve as an airborne observation post today as part of Tokyo's extraordinary security precautions for the visit of President Chun of South Korea (David Watts writes).

Mrs Gandhi looks victor in Rama Rao battle

From Michael Hamlyn, Delhi

Mr. N. T. Rama Rao, the former Chief Minister of the south Indian state of Andhra Pradesh, greeted the *decision to* allow him to challenge his successor in the state legislative *assembly* with dignified relief.

He said the announcement that the assembly had been summoned to a *vote* on the issue next Tuesday was "a ray of hope, for democracy and *constitutional* norms in this country". But it seems highly unlikely he will be able to turn out Mr Nadendla Bhaskara Rao, the new Chief Minister.

Though nothing is certain in *Indian politics*, it would seem the test of strength would not have been allowed if there was any real chance of Mr Rama Rao grining by it.

Mr Bhaskara Rao has claimed the support of 163 legislators in the 295-member assembly. So has Mr Rama Rao. The past three weeks have seen something of a tug of war, with each side struggling for the support of 15 to 20 members of *the Telegu Desam party*.

Mr Rama Rao has tried to protect his flock fo assembly members from the enticing offers of money and jobs that would no doubt be dangled before *them* by sequestering them in the neighbouring, friendly state of Karnataka.

Tucked away in a resort hotel in Mysore, under the watchful eyes of two of Mr Rama Rao's sons-in-law, 158 members greeted the news that their holiday would end soon with a good deal less than dignified relief. *They jumped in the air* and shouted like schoolboys, while some hugged each other, and others made catcalls and gestures at one of the sons-in-law.

If Mr Bhaskara Rao does lose, it is being suggested here that President's Rule would be a *more likely outcome* than a return to power by a vengeful Mr Rama Rao. In that eventuality, the reins of power would still be where Mrs Indira Gandhi, the Prime Minister, has always wanted them – in her hands.

Meanwhile, 24 districts of Hyderabad, *the state capital*, were under curfew again yesterday after bitter fighting between Hindus and Muslims in which 25 people were hurt.

The fighting, sparked by clashing religious festivals, began when Muslims attacked a Hindu temple and set fire to buildings near by.

Bomb found in Supreme Court

Violence flares again as explosions interrupt Transvaal power supply

From Michael Hornby, Johannesburg

a Soviet made limpet mine as found on the seventh floor f the Rand Supreme Court ere yesterday only a few hours fter a series of explosions had eprived much of north-western ransvaal of electricity.

The bombs added to the tmosphere of unrest and ension which has centred for he past few days on Sharpeville nd other black townships along he Vaal river about 40 miles outh of Johannesburg.

Scattered arson, looting and tone-throwing continued in the ownshops, and police fired ubber bullets and tear gas anisters to disperse rioters. iolence also flared anew in the ast Rand township of Tembi-a, where a primary school was toned and a bear hall set alight.

In a situation which could have become ugly, several housand Sharpeville blacks confronted police, who were in armoured vehicles, and demanded negotiations with white government officials over rent increases - the immediate cause of this week's violence.

Officials from the Orange-Vaal Development Board, the white body with ultimate responsibility for the black townshops in the region, were eventually summoned and met a samll delegation of Sharpeville residents, led by an Anglican priest.

Talks continued for most of the day and ended without agreement. Mr Mongezei Radebe, a member of the Sharpeville delegation, said he and his colleagues had told the white officials that they would refuse to pay more than 30 rand (£14) a month for rent, water and electricity.

This is about half what residents are now paying. Mr Radebe said officials were also told that the boycott of schools and places of work would continue until a satisfactory reply was given. "They are offering nothing," he said.

About 93,000 children are boycotting classes in Sharpeville and four other townships – Sebokeng, Evaton, Boipatong and Bophelong – where rioting and clashes with the police claimed at least 29 lives on Monday. A further 12,000 pupils are playing truant in the Johannesburg – Pretoria area.

The bomb in the supreme Court was found just after 9am by a security guard who alerted police. It was detonated on the lawns in front of the building while thousands of people watched at a safe distance behind a police cordon.

No organization has claimed responsibility, but the bombs are similar to many used by the banned African National Congress, the main black resistance movement. It could have been timed to coincide with the election of Mr P. W. Botha as South Africa's new President.

Power from the Electricty Supply Commission's sub-station near Rustenburg in the north-western Transvaal, damaged by explosions early yesterday morning, is not expected to be fully restored until later today. Emergency supplies had to be used to bring hundreds of miners to the surface from their early-morning shift in the area's platinum mines.

There have been three other explosions in central Johannesburg in the past two weeks, in which nine people were injured.

Botha elected President

South Africa's former Prime Minister, Mr P W Botha, was yesterday unanimously elected to the new post of President by an Electoral College consisting of 50 white MPs, 25 mixed-race Coloured MPs and 13 Indian MPs (Our Johannesburg Correspondent writes).

The members of the College were chosen by majority vote from the white, Coloured and Indian houses of the new tricameral Parliament, which is the central feature of the revised constitution in force since midnight last Sunday. As President, he will act both as head of state and retain the executive authority previously vested in the Prime Minister under the old Westminster-type parliamentary system which now fades into history.

Mr Botha will remain President-elect until September 14, when he will be formally sworn into office.

Voyage of Discovery ends in triumph

From Mohsin Ali
Washington

The space shuttle Discovery, third orbiter in the US fleet, made a beautiful landing at dawn yesterday after a near-perfect six-day maiden flight.

With its crew of six, it glided to touchdown at Edwards Air Force Base, California. Discovery's triumphant return after launching three commercial communications satellites put Nasa back in the space freighter delivery business.

The orbiter's maiden flight, twelfth in the shuttle programme, was even less troublesome than the inaugural missions of its predecessors, Columbia and Challenger.

The only problem in space was the formation a mysterious ice chunk which worried mission control in Houston until it was knocked off the left side of the shuttle on Wednesday.

In its final hours in orbit, astronauts stopped a leak in an oxygen storage tank by closing it and switching to a back-up. The 102-ton ship flew about 2.5 million miles - 96 times round the earth.

The crew, including Judy Resnik, the second American woman in space, accomplished all their main tasks, including delivery of the three satellites, operation of a giant solar sail and processing of a secret medicine.

"If you discount the ice, everything else has been absolutely perfect", Mr John Cox, the flight director, said.

The separate deployment of the satellites on the first three days in space was a welcome relief to Nasa officials and restored the confidence of commercial users.

The last time satellites were ejected from a shuttle, in February, they were "lost" when identical booster rocket failures put them in erratic orbits rendering them useless.

The flawless erection and testing of the 10-storey solar sail in the second half of the voyage provided concept which will probably be used to provide electricity for the first permanent space station.

● *MOSCOW*: Three Cosmos satellites were launched yesterday by a single rocket, Tass said. The mission is to "perfect the elements and instruments of the space navigation system for spotting Soviet civilian planes and merchant navy and fishing vessels" (AFP reports).

In person: President Chernenko at the Kremlin yesterday presenting the Order of Lenin, the highest civilian Soviet award, to the cosmonaut Miss Svetlana Savitskaya, the first woman to walk in space.

New papal warning on birth control

Rome (AP) – The Pope gave a warning yesterday that sometimes married Roman Catholic couples must not even use the Church-approved natural family planning method to limit the size of their famiies.

Giving the eth of a dozen planned lectues aimed at reinforcing the Church's ban on artificial birth control, hes said: "The use of infertile periods in married life can become the source of abuses, if the couples seek in such a way to avoid without just reasons procreation, lowering procreation below the morally correct level of births for their family."

Former envoy accused

Harare – Mr Robert Zwinoira, Zimbabwe's former High Commissioner to London, has appeared in court here accused of selling a car illegally (Jan Raath reports).

Now a Deputy Secretary in the Ministry of Information, he was recalled to Harare last year after a scandal in which he spent £580,000 on an official residence in London, without obtaining approval. Mr Zwinoira has not been asked to plead and is free on bail.

Plane downed in error

Canberra (Reuter) – The Australian Navy shot down a $A1m aircraft instead of the target it was towing, according to the Government Auditor-General's report sent to Parliament.

The Navy faced a shortage of suitable targets for testing missiles, the report said, and destruction of the pilotless target aircraft earlier this year by warships had worsened the problem.

Holidayshooting

Chaumont, France, (AFP) – Guy Amiot, aged 29, and his brother Robert, aged 33, were charged yesterday with allegedly shooting and injuring Mr Victor Greenway and his wife, from Warwick, as they sat in their car on the edge of a wood at Judmont near here.

Cull halted

Sydney (Reuter) – Australian authorities yesterday suspended the commercial culling of kangaroos over a large area of New South Wales for 12 months but angry conservationists said the shootings should stop immediately in all states.

Rights trial

Moscow (Reuter) – The dissident mathematician, Mr Yuri Shikhanovich, went on trial yesterday for his alleged involvement in publishing a human rights journal.

Zurich quake

Zurich (AFP) – An earthquake rocked Zurich and the surrounding countryside yesterday. It measured four on the nine-point Richter scale.

Lovers' brake

Innsbruck (Reuter)– A couple making love on the Paris-to-Venice Orient Express delayed the train for 40 minutes here yesterday when the woman's foot jammed the emergency brake, railway officials said.

Minister survives Beirut death blast

From Robert Fisk, Beirut

If it had happened to anyone else, the Lebanese would not have been surprised. But for would-be assassins to attack Dr Selim el-Hoss on the very feast of *Eid*, was a shock even in Beirut.

Dr el-Hoss was one of those government ministers – a liberal Sunni Muslim with a respectable academic background and a genuine compassion for the poor – who should have had some kind of immunity from physical assault. The car bomb that exploded so bloodily on the clifftops at Raouche yesterday morning proved everyone wrong.

The Minister of Education and Labour had been driving in his limousine to the home of Sheikh Hassan Khaled, the country's Sunni Muslim religious leader, when the explosives, apparently set off by radio in a green Renault car, blasted across the main sea front road amid a cluster of fish restaurants at the very moment Dr el-Hoss passed.

One of his gendarmerie motorcycle escorts was immediately beheaded, his body hurled 25 feet by the explosion. Three other people, including another police guard and a middle-aged woman pedestrian, were killed instantly.

Amid the litter of blood, corpses, petrol and broken glass, Dr el-Hoss was pulled from his car and driven to the American University hospital, where he was treated for cuts and shock.

"I am perfectly well," he told radio reporters afterwards. "This is not the first crime in the Lebanese crisis, but I hope it will be the last." – an earnest enough prayer that is highly unlikely to be granted.

From the position of the car bomb, it looked as if the potential assassins were intent on murdering not just Dr el-Hoss but Shaikh Khaled and Shaikh Muhummad Mehdi Shamseddin, the Shia Muslim spiritual leader as well. Dr el-Hoss was to have escorted both of them to the Imam Ali mosque for dawn prayers to mark the *Eid* feast.

The feast celebrates Abraham's sacrifice, and it would be difficult to imagine a more emotive time upon which to kill Lebanon's principal Muslim leaders. No organisation claimed responsibility.

Labour and Likud share out the jobs

From Moshe Brilliant
Tel Aviv

Israeli coalition negotiators yesterday finally got down to discussing who gets which post in the proposed government of national unity and how some of the smaller parties can be integrated into the administration.

Mr Shimon Peres, the Prime Minister designate, and Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the outgoing Prime Minister, conferred in Jerusalem and also met separately with delegations from smaller parties. Eight of the 15 parties which won seats in the recent Knesset elections have already agreeed to back a broad coalition, assuring it of 92 of the 120 votes.

According to proposals discussed yesterday, the Cabinet would comprise between 20 and 24 ministers, but there would be an inner Cabinet of six or eight. The two big parties would have parity in seats.

Likud accepted Labour's condition that Mr Peres should head the Government for two years and one month and then resign with a recommendation to the President and the Knesset that Mr Shamir be elected for the remainder of Parliament's four-year tenure. Until then Mr Shamir would be Deputy Prime Minister under Mr Peres and Foreign Minister, offices that would go to Mr Peres in the 1986 switch.

Likud also withdrew its demand that the defence portfolio also be rotated.

Likud would get the Treasury and justice portfolios and Labour would get education, probably for former President Yitzhak Navon.

The controversy over the Jewish settlements in the proposed government programme was settled by a formula by which the new government would recognize the validity of decisions by the outgoing government concerning settlements in occupied territories, but the timing and extent of development shall be decided by the Cabinet.

Boycott fine for UK deal

By Richard Dowden

An American company has been fined under United States anti-boycott laws because its British subsidiary allegedly complied with the Arab boycott of Israel.

Celotex Corporation, of Tampa Florida, was fined $7,500 (£5,800) by the Commerce Department because of Celotex UK's alleged compliance with boycott rules.

Mr James Kynes, executive vice-president of Celotex Corp, said that, in a £4,500 deal with Libya over some ceiling tiles, the Libyans added to an invoice the condition that the company should not do business with Israel. This went unnoticed at the time, but the company later reported it to the Commerce Department, without admitting guilt.

● *WASHINGTON* – Digital Equipment Corporation, a major US computer company, has been fined $1.5m (£1.15m) over dealings between its West German subsidiary and a businessman alleged to have smuggled high-technology equipment to the Soviet Union, in what the Commerce Department said was the biggest penalty imposed under the Export Administration Act.

It said Mr Richard Mueller, who runs a company called Deutsche Integrated Time, had been denied US export privileges for 20 years after he was found to have illegally re-exported products of US origin

Bonn puts a brave face on Honecker's postponed visit

From Michael Binyon, Bonn

The West German cabinet yesterday discussed the decision by Herr Erich Honecker, the East German leader, to call off his visit here in September and decided to put a brave face on what has been a bitter blow to the Kohl Government's hopes of futher improvements in relations between the two Germanies.

A government spokesman said Chancellor Helmut Kohl still expected relations to develop, and government sources made it clear they saw a Soviet veto as the real reason for the visit's postponement. The spokesman said the East German leader would be accorded all proper ceremony in *any future visit* and would also be able to visit Bonn, which had not been planned for the present visit because of the difficulites it set in suggesting a return Kohl visit to East Berlin, not recognized by the allies as a capital.

The tone of the Government's expressions of regret has been deliberately restrained, in the hope that Herr Honecker will not come under further pressure to curb contacts with Bonn.

But there has been sharp criticism by the press and the Oppossision of the Government's handling of the preparations and of statements by leading Christian Democrats which were used as a pretext for calling off the visit.

Much criticism has been directed against Herr Alfred Dregger, the CDU floor leader, whose *remark* that West Germany did not depend on Herr Honecker doing the honour of a visit was cited by the East German news agency as evidence of "unseemly controversy" in the federal republic.

Herr Dregger himself said he was not surprised at the cancellation, as the visit did not fit in with Moscow's plans. Herr Volker Rühe the CDU deputy floor leader, daid pinning the blame on Herr Dregger was a mere pretext.

The Bundestag is to debate the Honecker visit on Monday, and the Greens have called on Hcancellor Koh. for an explanation of what happened.

Few newspapers expressed surprise at the East German decision, and several suggested it came as a relief to both sides after the mounting controversy.

A third attempt to reschedule the visit would have to be better prepared, the influential *Frankfurter Allegemine Zeitung* said.

Message that echoed through East Europe

From Our Own Correspondent, Bonn

East German newspapers displayed the announcement that Herr Erich Honecker would not visit West Germany prominently on their front pages yesterday.

But the Soviet media did not mention a word about the decision, in what is seen as an attempt to avoid public discussion. Only the Yugoslav newspaper *Politika* among the Eastern press attributed the postponement to Soviet pressure.

The decision is a personal blow to Herr Honecker, and must be a political humiliation keenly felt by the East German Communist Party and even ordinary East Germans.

The message that East Germany has been forced – after a brief show of resistance – to bow to Soviet pressure, and is not fully sovereign in its relations with the West, will not have been lost on other East European countries, especially Hungary, which had given tacit support to East Berlin's attempt to keep an East-West dialogue going.

The East German Politburo, where Herr Honecker has no rivals, is understood to have made a final decision on the postponement last Friday. This explains his reluctance to say anything about the visit during his tour of the Leipzig Fair on Sunday.

It was noted, however, that he pointedly lingered at the stands of East European countries, exchanging effusive fraternal kisses with the senior Soviet representative as a gesture of reconciliation.

Observers here say that while the East German leader felt obliged to give up his cherished wish to visit the federal republic because it had become a symbol of disagreement with Moscow, he is unlikely to drop his policies of seeking improvements in relations with Bonn.

He pointedly emphasized the need for dialogue only days before the decision not to go to the West, and the statement of the postponement by the East German mission here on Tuesday did not contain any attack on Bonn's policies.

East Germany cannot afford to jeopardize its relations with West Germany, *not only* because of the large loans it has received in the past year, but because the bulk of its trade with the West is with West Germany. The East Germans know they will not get any help from the Russians to keep up their high growth rate.




Mr Leonid Kostandov (above) a Soviet Deputy Prime Minister, died suddenly of a heart attack yesterday in East Germany, where he was visiting the Leipzig international trade fair, the official ADN news agency said (Reuter reports).

Mr Kostandov, aged 69, played a prominent role in a Warsaw Pact debate over East Germany's economic relations with Bonn this month, giving a lengthy interview to ADN warning against economic dependence on the West.

● **TOKYO** – Herr Honecker was quoted as telling Mr Yoshid Sakurauchi, the former Japanese Foreign Minister, at a meeting in Berlin on Tuesday that he hoped to visit West Germany some day, a Japanese Foreign Ministry official said

Escaper hurt by scatter gun

Munich (Reuter) – An East German man dragged himself over the barbed-wire border fence into West Germany during the night after being seriously hurt by East Germany's frontier scatter guns, Bavarian border police said yesterday.

The unnamed escaper, aged 26, was riddled from head to *foot with metal fragments from* two automatic scatter-guns which fired when he touched their trip-wires in the dark. A companion who was not hit lacerated his legs as he scaled the 9ft high fence, but managed to summon help from a nearby house.

Both escapers were taken to hospital and neither man's life was in danger, police said.

East Germany, keeping a promise made to Bonn in return for government-backed financial credits, has been dismantling the scatter guns that up till recently lined long stretches of the heavily guarded frontier.

In Bonn, the West German Goverment said it was staggered that once again people had been injured by scatter guns.

EEC ministers still faced by British veto

Brussels – With little time left to save the EEC from running out of money this year, budget ministers from the 10 member states meet in Brussels today after a six-week holiday away from the subject (Ian Murray writes).

But the signs are that nothing has happened in the interval to *persuade Britain to lift its veto* on extra cash this year and next in order to tide the Community over its acute financial embarrassment.

Britain's refusal to allow a supplementary budget for this year has already prompted the European Parliament to freeze payment of its long-promised £457m fund for 1983. Some diplomats in Brussels now fear that, unless Britain agrees to release extra money soon, the entire basis of the agreement for a long-term solution to the budget problem, agreed during the Fontainebleau summit in June, could come unravelled.

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UN pressure fails to revive Anglo-Argentine negotiations

By Henry Stanhope, Diplomatic Correspondent

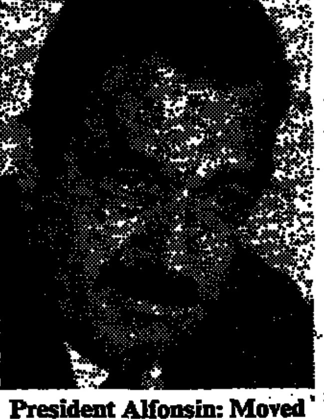
The British Government has virtually abandoned all hope of an early resumption of Anglo-Argentine negotiations, which broke up as soon as they began two months ago.

This is despite the gradual application of pressure on Britain to start discussing the issue of sovereignty over the Falkland Islands, which is expected at the UN General Assembly later this month.

There are no plans for Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, to meet Señor Dante Caputo, his Argentine counterpart, during the General Assembly in New York, and no immediate prospects of any other contacts between the two sides, according to sources.

Officials are still biter over the way in which the Argentine delegation walked out of the talks on normalizing relations in Berne in July, despite having agreed earlier on a formula for the way to proceed.

But they recognize that economic, labour and political problems facing President Raul Alfonsin's nine-month-old Government in Buenos Aires have ruled out all prospects of an early return to the negotiating table.


President Alfonsin: Moved too soon too fast.

The formula agreed after months of patient haggling was that the Argentines would raise the question of sovereignty at the Berne talks, and that the British delegation would refuse politely to discuss it. Then they could turn to other, less intractable issues.

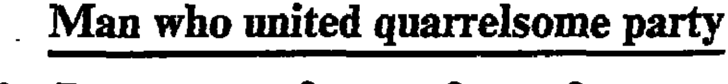
In the pre-talks haggling, Britain refused to say that it was not prepared to negotiate over sovereignty "yet", while the Argentines could not accept a flat rejection of their initiative. So they settled for a compromise which meant, in effect, that the British delegation said it was not disposed to discuss the question.

It is believed that President Alfonsin kept all news of the forthcoming meeting out of the press because he thaought it safer to present his electorate with a *fait accompli*. But he realized too late that he had moved too fast for right-wingers in Argentina, especially after a demonstration against three visiting British MPs, and even tried to back out at the eleventh hour.

The end, when it came, was therefore not a complete surprise to British officials who, none the less, still accuse the Buenos Aires Government of "welshing" on the deal.

The Whitehall view is that the ball is in the Argentine court, given that the British Government can ride out any pressure over the Falklands – at least in the foreseeable future. A runway should also be operational on the new Falklands airport next spring, leading to a reduction in the size and costs of the military garrison.

Royal pupil: Prince Felipe de Borbón saying farewell to his sister, Princess Elena, in Madrid yesterday before leaving to study at Lakefield School, Ontario, where Prince Andrew spent some time.


Man who united quarrelsome party

Mulroney's winning way

From Trevor Fishlock, Ottawa

Brian Mulroney is a backroom boy who worked himself into the limelight.

Before he became leader of Canada's Conservatives last year he had never been an MP, never held any elective or public office. But he is shrewd and knows party politics inside out. He saw, long ago, how he could project himself, win the leadership, and take the Conservatives to power.

His victory could change the traditional nature of Canadian politics. He has bridged the gaps in a quarrelsome minority party that has been out of power for most of the past 50 years.

He worked at his ambition to unite Conservatives and convinced them that he could win. He did not offer policies. He offered the prospect of power.

Mr Mulroney possesses a breezy confidence and the gift of the gab. Indeed, he believes his greatest quality is his negotiating skill, a talent he used to considerable effect in his days as a labour lawyer and conciliator. He is a man for compromise and consensus and so are most Canadians.

He has changed the way Conservatives think about themselves. There is not much to choose in terms of broad philosophy between the two main parties; but one of the reasons for the Liberals' long innings has been their appearance as a national party, encompassing both French and English Canada, while the Conservatives have been, essentially, the party of English Canada.

One of Mr Mulroney's achievements is to make the Tories more Liberal in that respect, thereby broadening their base.

He is a devoted one-Canada man and an opponent of Tory redneckery on the language question. He admires what Mr Pierre Trudeau did for bilingualism and the constitution.

'Mulroney is the first Conservative leader to have a close understanding of French Canada'

"Bilingualism", he has said, "is the goddam law of the land and as long as I'm leader we are for it."

Mr Mulroney is well placed to persuade Tories to change their outlook. He is a Quebecker, bilingual as any Canadian leader must be these days, and the first Conservative leader to have a close affinity for, and understanding of, French Canada.

He was born on March 20, 1939, the son of an electrician, in Baie-Comeau, a paper mill town on the north shore of the St Lawrence. It is part of his political pitch that he describes himself as "the boy from Baie-Comeau" from a relatively humble home. As a bilingual Irish Catholic living in Quebec he felt comfortable in both French and English cultures, and shared the prejudices of neither.

He set much store by loyalty, a sentiment he conveys in one of his favourite expressions: "Ya dance with the lady what brung ya."

He was bruised by his failure to take the Conservative leadership, won by Mr Joe Clarke, in 1976. It may have been that his image was too bland: one of his advisers had told him he looked smooth and opportunist.

He went off to be president of the Iron Ore Company of Canada for five years, and tried for the leadership again in 1983. This time, although the smoothness was still there, he looked more assured, and, above all, a winner. He kept to broad concepts and never allowed himself to get snagged on policies and details. He made his bows to right-wing articles of faith, but kept carefully to the middle, skilfully uniting the party.

He soon won a parliamentary seat and prepared for the inevitable: the resignation of Mr Trudeau and an election

Until he became Tory leader last year he had been a little known figure. He had risen, it was suggested, without trace. But Brian Mulroney had been working hard for many years, building his contacts and his unrivalled knowledge of the party he always dreamed of leading. Now Canadians will be looking for the substance behind the carefully projected image.

Grapo held responsible for killings in Spain

From Richard Wigg
Madrid

Two prominent Spanish businessmen were shot dead and a suspected terrorist killed within a few hours yesterday in Madrid, Seville and Corunna.

A state radio engineer escaped with serious injuries after being attacked in Corunna by members of the First of October Anti-Fascist Resistance Group (Grapo), Spain's shadowy extremist organisation, second in importance after ETA. The suspected terrorist was killed in a subsequent police raid on a flat, and another man was injured.

The Cabinet was told of the killings, which came on the third anniversary of the death of Enrique Cerdán, Grapo's then chief of operations, during a gunfight wwith police in Barcelona.

Grapo is believed to be responsible for all three incidents. In recent weeks, the group has staged bomb attacks in sympathy with ETA. Grapo killed two policeman at the beginning of the year

The man killed in Madrid was general manager of one of Spain's biggest private construction companies, Manuel Quintana, aged 42, shot by a young man and woman in a central residential district.

The other victim was chairman of the Seville federation of industrialists, Rafael Padura, aged 36, who was shot by two men in his office.

Philippines typhoon toll tops 500

From Keith Dalton
Manila

More than a million Filipinos lost their homes or means of livelihood in the past six days after the tropical storm followed by a devestating typhoon that hit the country, government officials said yesterday.

The combined death toll, already more than 500, is steadily increasing as communication lines are restored in the central and southern Philippines, hardest hit by "Typhoon Ike" at the weekend.

It struck just four days after the tropical storm "June" flooded huge areas of southern Philippines, killing 53 people and leaving tens of thousands homeless.

"Almost the entire archipelago has suffered. We have never before experienced such widespread destruction," an official of the Office of Civil Defence said.

Typhoon Ike, with winds exceeding 137 mph, caused giant waves which inundated coastal towns, torrential rain flooded huge areas and powerful winds ripped apart dozens of towns and cities. Crops, communication links and power lines have been destroyed.

Surigao del Norte, on the north-eastern tip of Mindanoa island, was the worst hit of the 39 affected provinces. While more than 300 people are now known to have died, Mr Salvador Sering, the deputy governor, believes 1,000 died in the provincial capital alone. The city has run out of coffins and people are being buried in mass graves.

Some 200 residents of the town of Mainit were reported to have drowned when a lake burst its banks.

As the clearing up continues, cholera and typhoid vaccines have been flown to the devastated areas.

Greek threat to Nato air exercise

From Mario Modiano
Athens

Greece is threatening to take action to protect its national interest and air traffic from a Nato exercise planned in Aegean air space.

A government spokesman said the Nato air defence exercise, involving Turkish military aircraft, was in violation of existing Nato arrangements. "This will cause serious problems to international civil aviation safety in the area for which Greece has responsibility under international conventions," he said.

Unless the exercise was scrapped, Greece would "take all those suitable measures" to protect its interests and safeguard international air traffic.

Pro-Government newspapers suggest that the measures include the interception by the Greek Air Force of aircraft taking part in the manoeuvres, which could lead to bizarre incidents among Nato allies.

The exercise is part of annual Nato manoeuvres, Display Determination, to be held in the Mediterranean between September 17 and October 20, with American, British, Italian and Turkish forces taking part.

Greece opted out of the war games because Nato has consistently refused to include in the scenarios the Greek islands of Lemnos, invoking Turkish claims that under international treaties this island should be demilitarized. Greece rejects this view.

Critics of the Socialist Government here suggested that this sudden conflict with Nato coincides conveniently with the need to divert attention from a scathing personal attack by Mr Andreas Papandreou, the Prime Minister, against the newly elected leader of the Conservative opposition, Mr Constantine Mitsotakis.

Report rules out altering controls on diplomats

By Our Diplomatic Correspondent

No attempt should be made to change the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations, according to a report by a former British diplomat published today. It would do more harm than good, he says.

Mr Frank Brenchley, former British Ambassador to Norway and Poland, says that instead Britain and other countries should apply more vigorously their existing controls over foreign diplomats and their missions.

A debate has gone on over how far the rules on diplomatic immunity should be altered, ever since WPC Yvonne Fletcher was shot dead from inside the Libyan People's Bureau in London last April.

An attempt to smuggle the former Nigerian minister, Mr Umaru Dikko, out of Britain in a crate three months later fuelled the controversy, already the subject of a Commons inquiry.

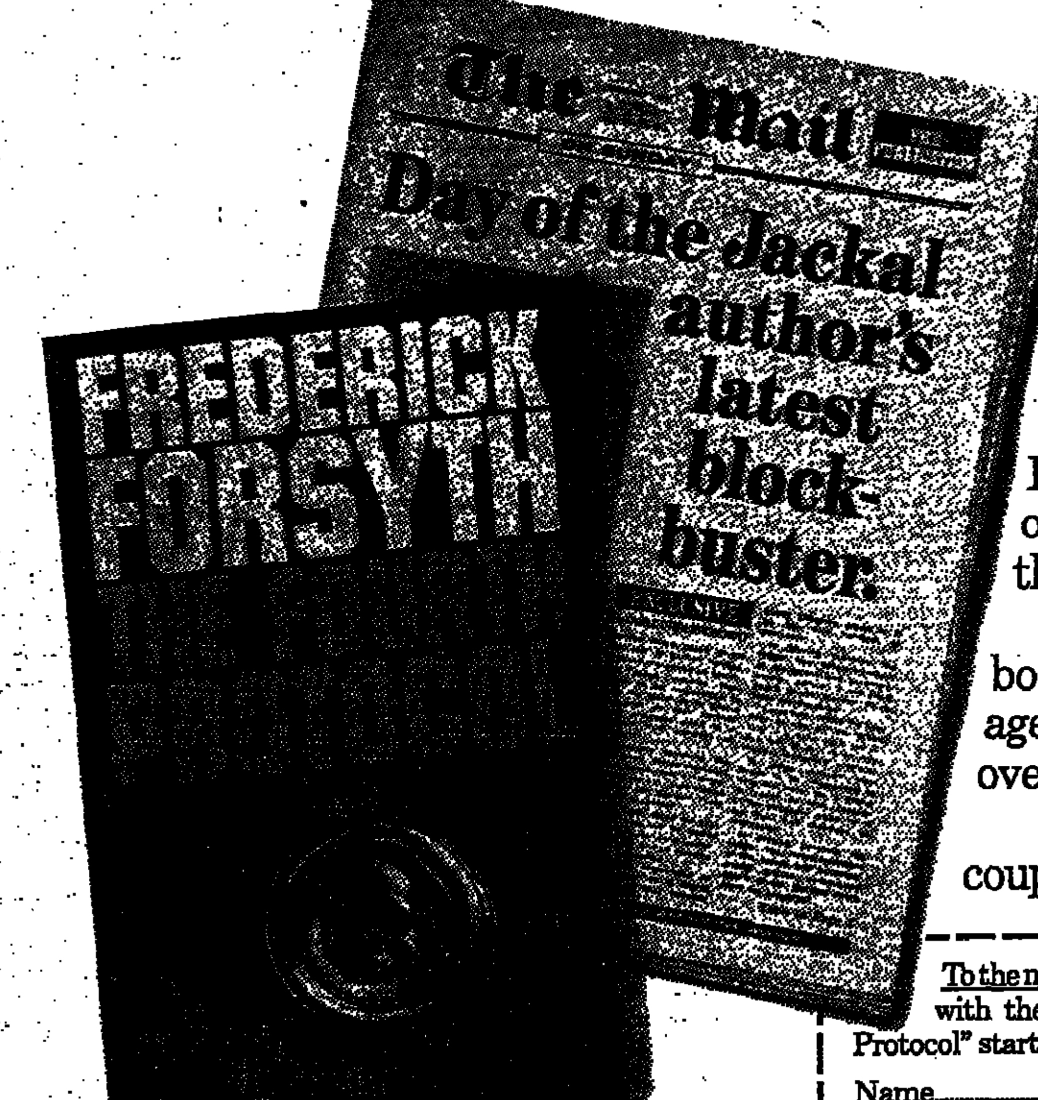
Mr Brenchley, whose report is published by the Institute for the Study of Conflict, proposes that the size of missions suspected of being involved in state-sponsored terrorism should be limited.

Diplomats suspected of being involved in terrorism should be immediately declared persona non grata and their names circulated round other countries, he says.

Mr Brenchley, who was also once head of the Defence and Overseas Policy Secretariat at the Cabinet Office, thinks it more likely that assassins enter the country as businessmen or tourists than as diplomats. But their mission probably has the job of briefing them.

To go so far as to alter the Vienna Convention's sections which deal with diplomatic immunity would be difficult, time-consuming and would probably be counter-productive, he says.

Diplomatic Immunities and State-Sponsored Terrorism by Frank Brenchley, Institute for the Study of Conflict £5.50.



THE ARTS



Le Diàble et le bon Dieu was the favourite play of its author Jean-Paul Sartre (left), yet it has had to wait more than thirty years for a professional production in Britain: as previews begin tonight at the Lyric, Hammersmith, John Higgins meets its director and designer, **John Dexter** and **Jocelyn Herbert** (right)

Almighty dramatic challenge

Le Diable et le bon Dieu is the one major play by Jean-Paul Sartre that so far appears to have slipped through the net of the British professional theatre. It was a considerable success in Paris in 1951 with Pierre Brasseur as Goetz von Berlichingen, bastard and warrior, who according to Sartre throws down a challenge to the Almighty in sixteenth-century Germany.

The first obstacles to export were raised by Sartre himself, who reckoned the language too "violent" to allow for proper translation. But by the mid-Fifties the odd swear-word was becoming acceptable on the London stage, despite the continued presence of the Lord Chamberlain. In 1956 the Royal Court, which was approaching its creative peak under George Devine, planned to put it on. The plans were then abandoned, according to Devine's associate at the theatre, the designer Jocelyn Herbert, because of that perennial Sloane Square problem, shortage of money. *Diable* does have a cast of 80 characters and in those days might well have demanded appropriately lavish sets to accommodate them.

Le Diable et le bon Dieu came up on the agenda again when Olivier's National Theatre Company set up shop at the Chichester Festival. But Sartre was rejected in favour of first *St Joan* and then Peter Shaffer's *The Royal Hunt of the Sun* – collectors of theatrical coincidence will probably note that both the Shaffer and the Sartre have certain similarities of theme. H. M. Tennent also became interested, but backed down for presumably the same reason as the Court: cost.

The play remained Sartre's own favourite among his stage works, as he told Simone de Beauvoir quite unequivocally towards the end of his life*. And it is unlikely that he was much influenced by the fact that the character of Goetz had long interested him and indeed had been the subject of an "heroic work" written when he was 11 or 12. Tonight London will have a chance to see Sartre's personal choice when *The Devil and the Good Lord* goes into preview at the Lyric, Hammersmith, directed by John Dexter and designed by Jocelyn Herbert.

Sartre and this particular play have moved in and out of Dexter's life for the last thirty years. He first came across it in 1952 when the script was sent to George Rose with a view to tempting him to play Goetz. Later he was at Chichester when it was under consideration.

"The first time probably that I really championed it was when the National moved into the Old Vic. But the problem then was that the man who was obvious casting for Goetz, Albert Finney, was about to leave the company and once again it was passed over in favour of something else. Thereafter it disappeared as far as I am concerned, apart from a brief spell in New York when Richard Burton was playing in *Equus* and it was suggested to him that he considered Goetz – and he did for a period.

"It swam back again virtually by chance. Hammersmith asked me to direct a play for them and it was Jocelyn [designer of many Dexter productions] who suggested looking at Sartre. Her argument, quite correctly, was that Sartre had been more or less ignored in the theatre since his death in 1980. *Huis Clos* was the play we had in mind, but there on the bookshop shelf next to it was the paperback of *Le Diable et le bon Dieu.*" (The Penguin translation, which is not the one being used at Hammersmith, calls it *Lucifer and the Lord.*)

Dexter and Herbert decided that London's *Devil* would have nothing in common with Paris's first *Diable*. Photographs of that production, by Louis Jouvet, make it look more like Rossini's *Le Comte Ory* than a slice of philosophical theatre. Hammersmith's stage will be dominated during the four-hour span of the play (including a "dinner interval" of 35 minutes or so) by a raised platform backed by a large screen for projections. Jocelyn Herbert's solution is characteristically practical:

"*Le Diable et le bon Dieu* is epic theatre, if by that phrase you mean that each of its many scenes makes its own statement. Sartre demanded virtually everything in scenic terms in his text and we're giving him very little."

Dexter too is doing a little economizing by employing a cast of 20 – still quite large in non-RSC or National terms – to cover those 80 parts. But the first problem was to find a Goetz.

"For some time I was foxed – mainly by the image of Brasseur in the part, the larger-than-life figure Goetz is generally reckoned to be. But I then remembered that Sartre was not altogether keen on Brasseur's performance [to Simone de Beauvoir in *Adieux* he was positively complaining] and was reckoned to have preferred François Perrier's interpretation when the play was revived under Georges Wilson's direction. With that in mind I went directly for Gerard Murphy [the RSC Prince Hal in *Henry IV*]." So, after thirty years, what is the prime attraction of *Le Diable et le bon Dieu* to Dexter?

"For a start the humour. *Nekrassov* is reckoned to be Sartre's 'funny' play. I worked on that as assistant director at the Court and I don't reckon we made it funny enough. But reading Frank Hauser's translation*, the one we're using, I'm struck by the humour, particularly in the character of Heinrich, the Lord's appointed but a man forced up against a wall by the finger of God. He's a kind of François Mauriac figure – or someone from Feydeau trapped by dogma."

(At the end of Act I the "villain" Goetz plays a game of dice under the eyes of Heinrich. The penalty of losing is that he will have to do good for a year and a day. He loses deliberately.)

"But above all it is a chance to bring debate back into theatre. We seem to have lost the ability to bring good argument into contemporary theatre. Sartre in this play has a passion for ideas that is positively Shavian. He is saying basically that man is responsible for what he is and that he should stop laying the blame on God. The follow-up is of course that once you have got rid of the burden of God you take on the burden of man.

"The first act sets the scene up to the game of dice. The second half develops the debate. In between there is the dinner interval – my goodness, we're turning Hammersmith into an existentialist Glyndebourne."

*Adieux by Simone de Beauvoir, Andre Deutsch with Weidenfeld, £14.95.

*Hauser translated *Diable* in 1976 after the success of *Kean* at the Oxford Playhouse with Alan Badel. Probably had the same actor in mind for Goetz.



Barry Beattie

Television

Historic abuses

A nineteenth-century Liverpool chief constable desribed soccer as "the policeman's friend". He, like the worthies of many chapels and churches, considered this game, which the Northern working classes had taken over from the public schools, as just the thing to keep the lower orders from street violence and the demon drink.

A Leicester University study, which we heard about in BBC2's *Timewatch* last night, suggests that the chief constable was too optimistic even in his own times, and has it that soccer and violence have been historically inseparable. Mr Patrick Murphy, of the department of sociology, said that examination of FA records, and, more fruitfully, national and local newspapers such as the *Leicester Mercury*, had shown that verbal abuse, referee-stoning, invasions of the pitch and all those headlined aberrations – which we might have thought of proprietorially as symptomatic of our own age – were an historical commonplace.

In the 20 years before 1914, some 3,500 to 4,000 incidents of violence had been uncovered. In the 1890s members of the armed forces were being admitted free in the hope that they might deter the rougher elements and the FA were recommending steel barriers as early as 1900 to stop pitch invasions.

Mr Murphy said the tendency now was to see violence in the context of the game itself rather than as deeply rooted and needing social reform to alleviate it. Obviously shortage of time precluded Mr Murphy from being specific about what such reforms might be.

My own historical memory noted that the study seemed rooted in pre-1914 days. Between the wars, my impression was that the young behaved themsevles.

Still, it was an interesting item, and it was amusing to hear how this newspaper described the 1914 Cup Final, the last at Crystal Palace, between Liverpool and Burnley, as "one of slender interest except to the Lancashire working classes". They behaved themselves, however, which seemed to be attributed to the presence of the King for the first time and the sound of an early cuckoo. *Members of the Lancashire working classes and others may like to be reminded that Burnley won 1-0.*

Anthony Burton enthusiastically presented the first in a series of six programmes, **The Rise and Fall of King Cotton**, on BBC1. Obviously someone in the BBC is hooked on it, for the industry here has already been excellently dealt with by them this year in the series *All Our Working Lives*. Mr Burton's programme was colourful but not compulsive. I lost the thread early on.

Dennis Hackett

Promenade Concert

Mobile brilliance

BBCSO/Elder/Musgrave

Albert Hall/Radio 3

Mark Elder yielded the baton to Thea Musgrave to conduct her own Clarinet Concerto at Tuesday night's Promenade Concert, and at one point she in turn passed it over to the clarinet soloist, Michael Collins. He flourished it rhythmically at the battery of four drummers among the percussion and drove them into a frenzy, having by then returned to his starting point at the front of the platform, after moving himself through four points of the orchestral compass.

Although radio listeners will have missed seeing his peripatetics, a gramophone record some years ago proved that there are decidedly sound musical reasons for the soloist to shift his ground in that way. It enables him to lead smaller groups within the whole, to break away from time to time and dramatize the musical idea. It is an ingenious device on the composer's part, with which she enriched the concerto repertory before she married and went to live in the United States, and it was good to have her back to remind us of it.

The Clarinet Concerto remains one of her most accomplished and entertaining works. Its virtuoso demands, origanally designed for Gervase de Peyer, were brilliantly met by Mr Collins, from the clarinet's first warning entries through its assertion of individuality, its duet with an accordion and sensuously romantic dalliance with vibraphone and harp, to an exciting final resolution.

The BBC Symphony Orchestra entered warmly into the spirit of the music's intentions, incidentally illustrating Miss Musgrave's skill in writing effective fast music and then securing precise delivery. It was an excellent contrast to Rachmaninov's *The Isle of the Dead* which began the concert. Mr Elder shaped this with a clean ear for pictorial properties, on which a touch of dangerous moonlight was now and then allowed to shine.

After the interval, the Fourth Symphony of Brahms was given a welcome freshness through being kept animated and avoiding the temptation to sentimental *ritardandi*. It was a smoothly assured performance, seemingly unruffled on the surface but with an inner tension to inform the musical argument through to a sonorous finish.

Noël Goodwin

Dance

Rambert Workshop

The Place

The programme at The Place until Saturday is ostensibly an opportunity for dancers of Ballet Rambert to try their hand at choreography in workshop conditions. But it is rather more elaborate than that might imply since, although only two of the pieces credit a designer, they all look carefully dressed, and no fewer than 10 musicians help provide the accompaniments.

Seven of the dancers contribute to the programme. A problem with such an evening is that, unless a choreographer has a marked personal style (which none of these has), the products may tend to look all much alike, since they are all subjected within the company to the same formative influences.

Mark Baldwin, to some extent, overcame that by having his cast wear surrealist costumes designed by Paul Gibbs, but his ballet (at 15 minutes, the longest all evening) was singularly uncommunicative. I worked out a plot about opium dreams because half the dancers wore what looked like poppies all over their hands and faces, but then discovered that the title was *Rose-headed women*.

Lucy Bethune also made one of her two contributions stand out by simply staging an illustration in movement of Samuel Beckett's *Rockaby*. Her own solo, *Openings*, to Webern's Piano Variations, Op 27, showed more distinctive movement, and there were some interesting brief moments of invention in the duets in Cathrine Price's *Meze* and Mary Evelyn's *Some Songs with changes made*.

The choice of music was on the whole quite enterprising, ranging from Byrd to Lutoslawski, taking in American-Indian folksongs and some specially composed pieces, but the choreography rarely seemed to draw much from the music, except Albert van Nierop's naughty little solo for Frances Carty to a highly suggestive vaudeville song.

John Percival

Theatre

Unlikely heroic candidate

A View from the Bridge

Young Vic

Much ink has been wasted on disproving Arthur Miller's tragic credentials, while *Death of a Salesman* and *The Crucible* keep on strengthening their grip on the world repertory as pedant-proof masterpieces. But those arguments do have force when applied to *A View from the Bridge*, in which Miller staked everything on hitting the tragic jackpot.

"A fine, high, always visible arc of forces, moving in full view to a single explosion" was his first description of it: a fight to the death between public and private loyalties, enacted in the heart of one man, and supervised by a choric narrator whom Miller introduced partly to underline his debt to the Greeks and partly to prevent the dumb spectators from misunderstanding him yet again.

Greeks aside, the piece also appeared shortly after Kazan's *On the Waterfront*, and evidently set out to offer an alternative view of longshore Brooklyn as seen (from the bridge) in reflective moral perspective. There is the same insistence on strict closed community loyalty, the revenge ethic: and the same focus on an excruciating dilemma – which leads the hero, Eddie Carbone, to shop his illegally domiciled relatives to the immigration authorities rather than allow one of them to marry his beloved niece.

As Miller and his lawyer spokesman Alfieri claim, you can see it all coming; and the piece rivets your attention with the poisonous details by which a picture of affectionate family life ends with a corpse on the sidewalk.

But, as for tragedy, there has seldom been so unlikely an heroic candidate as the domineering, bigoted and benighted Eddie; while Alfieri's comments about him (such as the claim that this bewildered figure "allowed himself to be wholly known") suggest that he is too high up on the bridge to see his client at all.

Roger Smith's revival boasts an excellent design by Shelagh Keegan, combining the Carbones' living room with an upper-level washing-strewn street scene, topped off with fire-escapes for the immigration hue and cry.

Malcolm Tierney, relying on costume and stance to occupy as much space as possible, remains a small-scale Eddie, seen at his best in the teasing boxing-lesson scene and in his moment of horror at the accusation of incestuous motive. The homosexual element has dated as badly as Eliza Doolittle's "bloody." But there is a good performance of the laughing boy suitor from Vicenzo Ricotta, who succeeds in lightening the atmosphere without undercutting the sense of fatality.

Irving Wardle

Rat in the Skull

Royal Court

An RUC officer interrogating (no, the word is interviewing) an IRA suspect with an English policeman required to be present: Ron Hutchinson's play deftly uses a concrete situation to symbolize his view of our present function as "umpire between the two sorts of Paddy", weary, uncomprehending and having less in common with an Ulster Protestant than the two Irelands have with each other.

While the PC (Gary Oldman) whinges to his superior and confesses to greater knowledge of Spurs than of O'Neill's red hand, Brian Cox batters at Colum Convey's obstinate silence with a detailed, knowing caricature of the Catholic family: breeding for the cause, dole and family allowance, ignorance, nurturing of myth and a simple career choice between priest and gunman. But the brilliant, if eventually tedious, recital shows not simply the interrogator's eye for the victim's soft underbelly but an equally inveterate bigotry that feeds on incurable history (and the distortion of it) in the same fashion. The way is clear for his bitter image of the rat in the skull, the unheeded and unheedable impulse to escape from the madness; and for his violence on the prisoner, which suggests he has yielded to that madness but in fact, by wrecking the prosecution, is calculated to break the vicious circle.

Or so it seems. What with the accents and argot of the Irish, the slang and technical jargon of the police and a consciously clever obliquity of speech throughout, this play practises unintelligibility like a fine art. The witty, vigorous, authentic writing may impede communication but it fixes the characters and, paradoxically, confines the whole subject as though it actually was a maze with no exit.

Max Stafford-Clark's production is finely cast, neglecting chances to emphasize and clarify, lifelike to the point of inaudibility. Mr Cox, really hitting his form since *Strange Interlude*, carries the play like a Titan, switching from graphic, luxuriant taunts to sudden glaring fury, and finally resigned to paying with his life for a subtle solution to a deadlock that the militant Catholic sees only in black and white.

Donald Cooper

In the maze without an exit: Brian Cox (left) titanically carrying the play, with Gary Oldman's policeman

Anthony Masters

Venice Film Festival

A visual culture not to be ignored

The Italian cinema has recently experienced the most disastrous box-office plummeting in its history, so it is hardly surprising that the emphasis of the Venice Festival is on the relationship of cinema, television and video. A whole section of the festival is dedicated to films made for television, and in this group Richard Eyre's *Laughter House* (the only British exhibit apart from *Greystoke*) has made the strongest impression. It is instructive to see how other good directors succumb to the inhibitions of working for television. Krzysztof Zanussi austerely restricts himself to tight, concentraed, claustrophobic close-ups in his adaptation of Max Frisch's play *Blaubart*. In *The Haunting Passion* John Korty limits himself rather in terms of content, adapting trash melodrama.

Another side-event in Venice presents a daily selection of video-clips, a new contribution to visual culture that cannot readily be ignored: films like *Flash Dance*, *Beat Street* and *Streets of Fire* show the influence all too clearly, and feature directors like Alex Cox (*Repro Man*) are beginning to emerge from the genre. Usually abstract montages, designed to generate the maximum visceral excitement in order to sell pop discs, video-clips range from the most primitive rediscoveries of the first principles of trick films to highly sophisticated experiments in editing. Video too has invaded the "fine" arts in a big way: the great art show of the Biennale is full of efforts – mostly ludicrous – to incorporate monitors into sculptural structures.

All this is a far cry from the two grandest exhibits in the film festival, both shown out of competition. I wrote earlier this week about Edgar Reitz's great popular epic *Heimat*, which continues to be the sensation of the Lido. Though actually produced for television, this is supremely a film – albeit the longest in the world – only completely realized when it is shown on a big screen and with the collective psychic participation of an audience. The same night be said for the Taviani Brothers' *Kaos*, a worthy successor to their memorable *Padre Padrone*.

After the more operatic efforts of *La notte di San Lorenzo*, they have returned to the majestic legendary and folktale style of the earlier film. "Epic" is a word ordinarily to be resisted, but this is a film that again demands it, if only for the sweeping landscapes and Nicola Piovani's rich, portentous score.

Running for more than three and a half hours, *Kaos* consists of a group of Sicilian stories freely adapted from Pirandello's *Novello per un anno*. (Pirandello was himself Sicilian; the name of his native town, Girgenti, is a corruption of the Greek word *kaos*.) All the stories are set around the turn of the century, but have the timelessness of tales from a medieval story cycle: an anecdote of a woman who rejects the devotion of her son because he was conceived out of a rape by a bandit; a comedy about a potter who is trapped in the giant oil jar he is mending: an eerie tale of a true lunatic; an epilogue evoking a childhood memory of Pirandello himself, and providing one of the most breathtaking images of a film of staggering visual actuality.

A new film by Erden Kiral, the Turkish directfor of *A Season in Hakkari*, is again essentially cinematic, even though it was financed by television (with the ubiquitous Channel 4 as one of the partners). German in production and title and filmed in Greece, **Der Spiegel** remains unmistakably Turkish in scene and spirit. Again it is a folk tale about a loving, jealous husband and a wife whose emergence from an age-old image in a mirror offered by a seducer.

Luigi Comencini's seductive and stylish *Cuore*, based on Edmondo de Amico's well-loved novel of early-century schooldays, also belies its origins as a television series with its rich production values and professional expertise. Conversely **Angela's War** demonstrates how a film can be quite modest in scale yet still triumph in style and content over those inhibitions of ambition which, in the end, are what damns a work as a "television film".

Eija-Elina Bergholm's second film (her first was made 12 years ago), *Angela's War* is based on part of a novel-cycle by Jorn Donner, who also produced the film and acts in it. A skilfully wrought and subtly ironic study of the way lives were shattered by Finland's shifting wartime alliances, the film includes in its cast Erland Josephson, who is one of the yougest members of the antiquated Venice jury.

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Power and glory of Greene at 80

Graham Greene is 80 on October 2. His career has spanned almost 60 years in which he has produced novels, film scripts, essays, criticism and journalism. Now he stands alone as the most widely accepted and appreciated of British writers. His struggles with religion, politics and personality have made him one of the most discussed and accessible authors of his generation. Yet personally he has remained remote, shunning publicity and avoiding commentary on his works. *The Times* has asked prominent figures in many fields to pay their respects to his genius.

LORD GOWRIE
Minister for the Arts

Years ago, I sat between Graham Greene and Eartha Kitt at a lunch party. They were well suited and, as was only reasonable, talked across me. Kindliness prompted Greene to bring me in.

He was nearing 60 and complained that a peril of age was that you were supposed to give advice to the young. His view was that everyone should try to start a career by becoming a foreign correspondent of *The Times*. A literalist, I tried and failed to do this, but joined the *Educational Supplement* instead. It would have been more Graham Greeneish to get a counter-steer from Miss Kitt.

As is the case with his exact contemporary, Christopher Isherwood, it is difficult to think of Greene as any older than he has ever been: the sensitivity is of a young man older than his years.

I wish he had written more short stories (the collection, as well as the title piece, *May We Borrow Your Husband*, is one of the funniest things in English) and more novels like *Dr Fischer*. His genius is for the comedy that just makes bearable the predictable and universal sadness of human motivation. He is a bit sentimental about God and the Third World, both of whom, in their mid-Twentieth century guises, he has in effect invented.

A. J. AYER
Philosopher and author

I admire the works of Graham Greene more than those of any other living novelist. This is in spite of the fact that I wholly lack the religious faith which inspires some of his best books like *The Heart of the Matter* and *The Power and the Glory*. I find no great difference of quality between books of this sort and what he calls his "entertainments". *Our Man in Havana*, *The Comedians* and *The Honorary Consul* all occupy a high place in my assessment of his work.

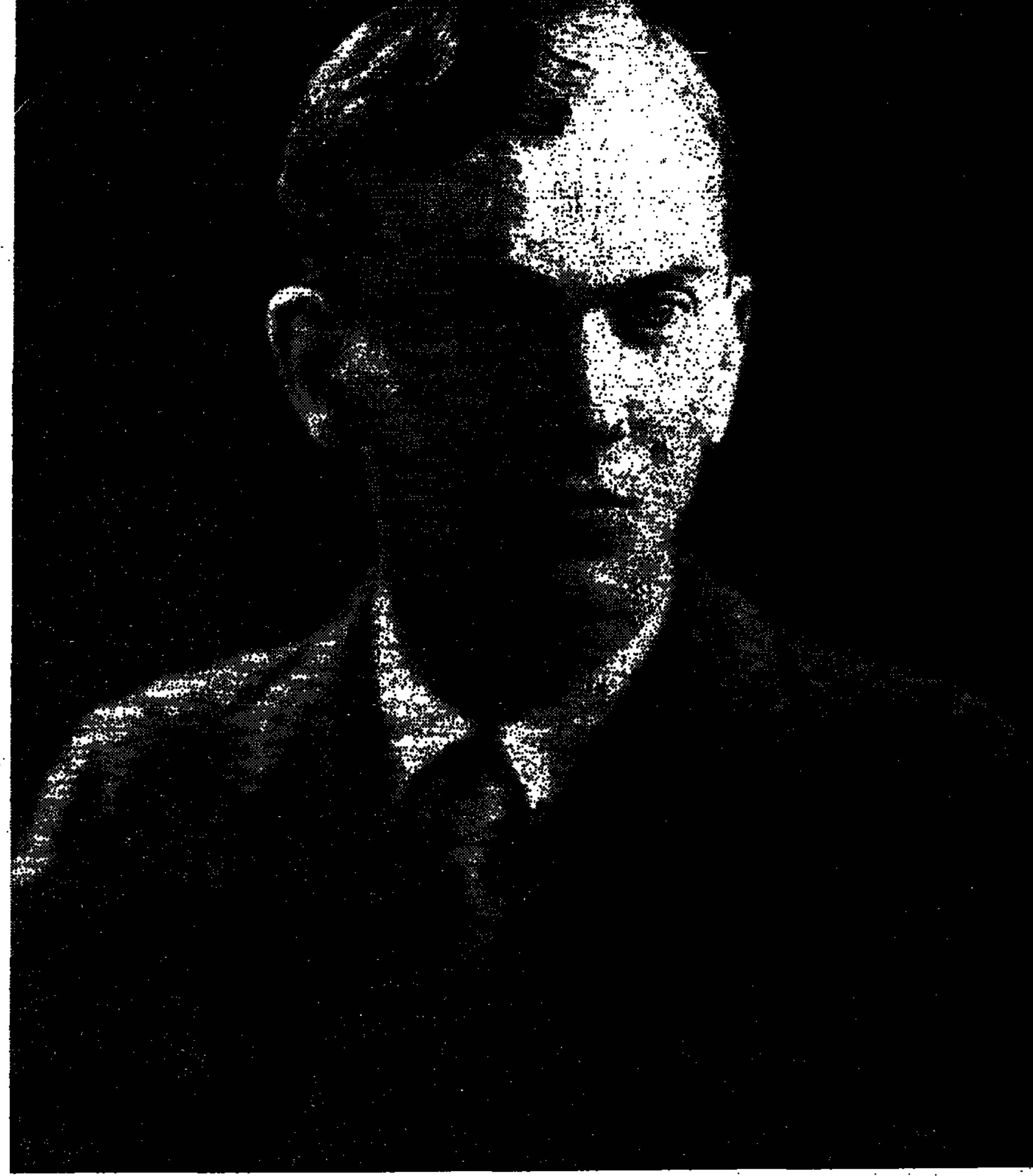
It is encouraging to note how successful he has been in maintaining his standards throughout his eight decades. *The Human Factor*, which appeared in 1978, was as moving as anything that he has written.

His plays have not seemed to me to have attained quite the same high level as his novels, but their shortfall is counterbalanced by the excellence of his film scripts, as in *The Fallen Idol* and *The Third Man*.

It has been my good fortune to know Graham Greene for over 30 years, not only as a writer but as a man. In wishing him a happy birthday, I desire to pay tribute also to the public stand which he has taken, and continues to take, against manifestations of tyranny and injustice.



Greene at *The Times*: Greene was on the staff of *The Times* from 1926 to 1930. He had been educated at Berkhamsted and Balliol College, Oxford. He had been unhappy at school and in 1920 his father sent him for psychoanalysis, a radical step at the time. He has confessed to falling in love with the analyst's wife, who later remarked: 'What a pity Graham became a writer. He could have made such a good medium'. Greene's journalism was to continue with jobs as film critic and literary editor of *The Spectator* and his fascination, both fictional and real, with the job has never left him. His recent outbursts against corruption in the South of France have shown his determination to continue to observe the real world about him. "For me political action is writing and nothing else. I've helped and defended some people by my writing. I've attacked some people by my writing." As a protest against the imprisonment of Soviet dissidents, Greene asked the Russians to stop translating his books and tried to arrange for his blocked royalties to go to their wives.



The young Graham Greene: "What is the good of wishing? The books are always there, the moment of crisis waits, and now our children in their turn are taking down the future and opening the pages" – from *The Lost Childhood*

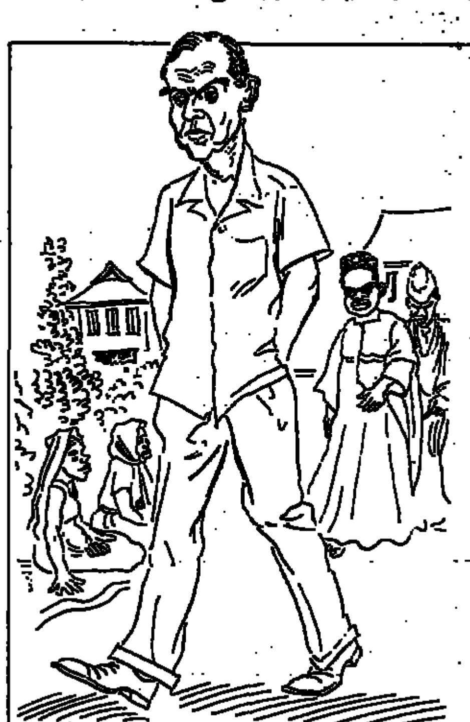
MALCOLM MUGGERIDGE
Author

The prospect of becoming the G.O.M. of English Letters would at one time have appalled Graham Greene. Now, on his eightieth birthday, it must be seen as a just recognition of a long and variegated life dedicated to the craft of writing.

Whatever other preoccupations he may have had, when he picks up his pen it has always been to use words exactly and truthfully. He is, indeed, the most skilful and conscientious of contemporary writers.

Then – what has always fascinated me – there is his Catholicism, which, despite heresies and irregularities, has continued to occupy his mind, and perhaps also his soul. I cherish the memory of walking up and down with him by the Sea of Galilee and talking about the Incarnation as expounded in the New Testament. His favourite text is also mine: "Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief."

As a fellow octogenarian, sincerely and affectionately, I salute him.



Greene abroad: Greene was in the Foreign Office from 1941 to 1944, a period in which he was involved in espionage, a fascination which has remained with him. His interest in the politics and spiritual life of the Third World is perhaps his most instantly recognizable characteristics as a writer. 'Greeneland', the mythical territory in which his characters are always said to move, has always seemed to be a land of political unrest and constant danger – typically in South America or Africa. Such uncertainty always provided him with the sense of real pressure under which his characters are obliged to act. This obsession with the risky perimeter of civilization is summarized by one of his favourite quotations – from Browning: 'Our interest's on the dangerous edge of things.' His fascination with extreme political conditions in the Third World have often made him unpopular. His novel, *The Comedians* about life in Haiti under the dictatorship of Dr Francois Duvalier earned him a vicious attack in a Government pamphlet: "An unbalanced man, a pervert, a writer with a pessimistic vision writing to commission."

NICHOLAS LASH
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"It is not reason that is against us", said Cardinal Newman, "but imagination". Direct and honest exploration of the central paradoxes of Christian apprehension – of guilt and divine kindness, of God's glory lodged and leavening in insignificant particulars – is more than usually impossible in a culture whose imagination gives no space for the deployment of Christian vocabulary, confining it to a primate margin, on the edge of the esoteric, called "religion".

Admittedly, the problem partly springs from the poverty of the theologian's own resources. As Greene himself put it: "Much of the difficulty of theology arises from the efforts of men who are not primarily writers to distinguish a quite simple idea with the utmost accuracy". Lacking the writer's skill, the theologian's words (as Greene once said of papal encyclicals) "have no bite, no sting, no concrete image".

The theologian's debt of gratitude, therefore, is in part acknowledgement of the fact that such accuracy is sometimes attained in the novelist's depicting. On one condition, however, and it is a condition which the convergence of Greene's political and religious perspectives (not many novelists have drawn an analogy between Fidel Castro and St Paul) has enabled him to satisfy. There must be no trace of the illusion that it is possible to survey human folly and suffering from some superior vantage point.

Looking "from the top down" things may make sense, but no man has ever been there. You have to be looking from the bottom up to speak, as the old priest does in *Brighton Rock*, of "the appalling strangeness of the mercy of God".

The passage of time has mellowed the peremptory moralism of *Brighton Rock*. The mercy indicated in *Monsignor Quixote* is still strange but not, I think, "appalling". Yet Greene at 80 remains, in his own description of those priests he finds congenial, an "apostle of the darker, poorer, more violent world". For which he has our thanks.

KEITH WATERHOUSE
Author and columnist

I was struggling over a half-cooked novel when I read that someone had turned up a 60,000-word manuscript that Graham Greene had written years ago and *forgotten about*. I thought briefly about doing away with myself. To me, forgetting having written a book is like forgetting having had heart surgery.

The manuscript was a film treatment which, as always, he had written in the form of a novel. That's *something else*: I've *written film* treatments and they read like . . . well, film treatments. Greene seems unable to put pen to paper without writing like Graham Greene. And then forgetting about it. What hope is there for the rest of us?



Greene and film: His novels have proved uniquely cinematic, almost all being turned into movies at one time or another. Unquestionably his most memorable has been *The Third Man*, directed by Carol Reed and starring Orson Welles. In a rare interview he admitted the extent to which the form had influenced him: 'When I describe a scene, I capture it with the moving eye of the cine-camera rather than with the photographer's eye – which leaves it frozen. In this precise domain I think the cinema has influenced me.

'Authors like Walter Scott or the Victorians were influenced by paintings and constructed their backgrounds as though they were static and came from the hands of a Constable. I work with a camera, following my characters and their movements. So the landscape moves. When I turn my head and look at the harbour, my head moves, the boats move, don't they?'

Tomorrow

The ultimate tribute

moreover . . . Miles Kington

Prophets and losses 40 years on

Why is it that forecasts for the future always limit themselves to politics and economics, which nobody can foretell for six months, let alone 30 years, and never progress to the things that make life really interesting, like sport, music, cooking and holidays? Here is what the Moreover Computer thinks will be in the headlines in 2024.

Sport

Dame Virginia Wade goes narrowly out of the first round at *Wimbledon*, 6 – 0, 6 – 0, after a plucky performance against the Romanian 10-year-old, Monescu. Authorities agree that her game is not what it was, but conclude that she is still Britain's No 1.

Frank Thomas, heavyweight champion of the world according to the World Area Authority (recognized in California and Japan), beats WBNC champion Greg Wurlitzer to become undisputed champion of California, Japan and New York. He now has only 18 more world champions to beat in order to become world champion.

In their opening Test match against the Channel Islands, England make heavy weather of the bowling of the two Jersey fast men and reach tea on the *first day* at 108 for 5 (Lord Boycott, not out 7).

"We threw it away", admits Scottish manager Ken McMurdo after the opening match of the World Cup Finals, in which his fancied team crash to the Venezuelans 5-0. "It's the old story – we think we can stroll it, so we're caught napping."

In an effort to produce brighter football and bring back soccer's missing millions, the FA decides on a new points system: one point for not retaliating after a foul, one for not kicking the ball away at a free kick, one for not passing back to a goalkeeper and one for not appealing when the ball goes out of play. The reward for a goal stands at 50 points.

Arts

Sir Jonathan Miller's production of *Twelfth Night*, starring veteran pop singer Old Boy George, receives mixed reviews. Some critics think that a punk, transvestite nostalgia version makes a valid point; others object that Shakespeare's verse gets hidden in the effort. Sir Jonathan announces his retirement from the theatre.

London Transport starts an experimental ban on personal TV sets in the Underground.

An Unidentified Peasant, by the school of Corot, the last painting in private hands in Britain, is sold to a Russian collector by the Duke of Devonshire.

The new BBC-TV programme *Between 6 and 7*, another attempt to fill the early evening spot, is savaged by media critics.

Hollywood's revival hopes are pinned on the only film in production, *Rocky XXVII*, which tells the story of one man's bid to become the oldest heavyweight champion in history.

Leisure and Communications

The great retrospective exhibition based on the 1984 miners' strike, *King Coal*, is opened at the Victoria & Albert Museum by Sir Arthur Scargill. The opening ceremony is marred by clashes between *police and public; there are 80 arrests.*

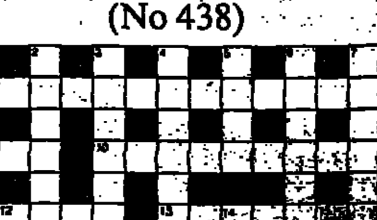
The organizers of the Notting Hill Carnival complain that, although it was the biggest and best yet, the police are still tending to take over. "They have so many floats, do so much helmet-swapping and dance with the crowds so much that our people don't get much of a chance."

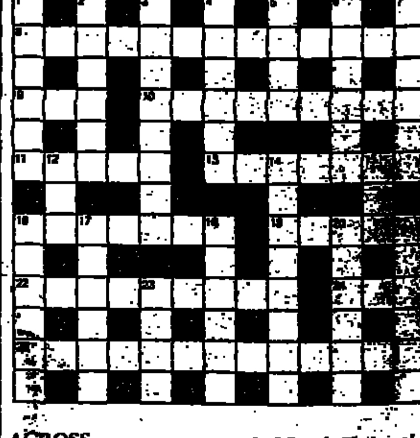
In the Fleet Street circulation battle, the *Daily Maxwell* attempts the ultimate coup; to the winner of its newest competition it gives away the newspaper itself.

The Earl of Lichfield announces the theme of the new Pirelli calendar: *The Grandest Old Ladies in the World.*

Lord Ingrams denies rumours that he is thinking of giving up the editorship of *Private Eye*: "At my age it is far too late for me to think of getting another job, even if I were qualified for one", he says. "In any case, we need to raise more money for the pending libel case brought by Sir Auberon Waugh."

CONCISE CROSSWORD (No 438)





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9 Engine speed (3)
10 Immediately (2,1,6)
11 Employment place (5)
13 Done (7)
16 Gaudy trinkets (7)
19 Diaper (5)
22 Chair strut (9)
24 Cut back (3)
25 State Department (7,6)

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1 Third party deposit (6)
2 Tremble (6)
3 SE Asia Federation (8)
4 Buccaneer (6)
5 Money voucher (4)
6 Consume (6)
7 Mount (6)
12 Be in debt (3)
14 Scurf (8)
15 Cryptaesthesia (1,1,1)
16 Make into gas (6)
17 Battle shout (3,3)
18 Inscrutable man (6)
20 Sermon platform (6)
21 Joyful cry (6)
23 Neat (4)

SOLUTION TO No 437
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BOOKS

FICTION

The trials of a modern Job, the nerves of a bookish spinster, and those crazy years from Dallas to Prague

The best of a bad Job

James Fenton reviews a modern problem of God and pain

How can He permit the sufferings of the world?

THE ONLY PROBLEM
By Muriel Spark
The Bodley Head, £7.95

The only problem of the title is the question of the relationship between God and the suffering of the world... If God is good, why does he allow it? If God is all-powerful, must he then be capable of evil? To insist that this is the only problem, as one of Muriel Spark's characters does, is fair enough once you believe in God. Harvey, a rich man with a wife who does not love him, poses a theory that the individual soul must have made a pact with God before being born. We agree beforehand that we will suffer on this earth. But during the process of being born we forget that we have made the pact. We are volunteers for suffering. Whole tribes and nations might have made such a pact.

This theory and the allied question of the meaning of the *Book of Job* hover tantalizingly around the story Miss Spark has to tell. Harvey, her chief character, has retired to his small house in France in order to write the study of Job. He craves solitude, or at least it seems that he craves solitude. But when his friends seek him out the effect is to make him aware of his loneliness.

Harvey has in fact left his wife, quite abruptly, during an Italian holiday. The incident over which he has left her is trivial, but it turns out to be symptomatic. Effie has been in one of those motorway emporia and has stolen some bars of chocolate. She justifies her action by saying: "Why shouldn't we help ourselves? These multinationals and monopolies are capitalizing on us, and two-thirds of the world is suffering."

All we see of Effie is this beautiful woman, married to a rich man, affecting to despise wealth, stuffing her mouth with chocolate and talking about the suffering two-thirds of the world. But we learn more about what happens to her after Harvey leaves her. She drifts off, has a child whom she happily abandons, and eventually becomes caught up in the terrorist movement, living off armed robbery. For a character who remains off-stage throughout the book she exerts a great deal of influence, and the success or failure of the novel depends very much on this brief characterization.

Effie and Harvey represent two approaches to human suffering. Harvey's approach is theological: he believes in God, he must torture himself with the same question as occurred to Job.

What disgusts Harvey about Effie, during the incident over the chocolate, is that he can see her as a future terrorist. Sententious shoplifting is the first step towards self-righteous gangsterism.

I must say that this characterization is economical to the point of stinginess; but there is something in it. Effie and her sister, Ruth, are daughters of the vicarage; they are English, but they might very easily be (in real life) from the German terrorist world. Or Effie might be (in real life) an Italian.

It is worth noting here that the various countries of Western Europe produce different kinds of terrorist and rebel. The German kind and the Italian kind are connected with a delayed reaction against fascism – against the fascist parent, or the parent seen as a fascist. England and France have very different traditions of terrorist, in both cases connected with colonial history. England itself has produced relatively few terrorists, although there have been, as it were, fellow-travelling terrorists.

Miss Spark's novel appears to be a kind of geographical compromise, grafting an Italian or German style of terrorism on an English girl and letting her join a gang in France. Consequently, although the setting of the book is quite specific, there is a sense of it being contrived. Apart from the police, none of the people we meet belong where we find them.

As Harvey progresses with his study, we expect his sufferings to parallel those of Job. But they do not exactly do so. What happens is that, having walked out on the woman he loved, he begins to receive all kinds of attention. The comforters cluster round.

One of these is Effie's sister, Ruth, a character of curiously undramatic but stubborn selfishness, who decides she will move in with Harvey, bringing with her Effie's child by a subsequent liaison. And, because Harvey is rich (unlike Job, he does no lose his wealth), she will persuade him to buy for her the chateau at the end of the drive. And, because Christmas is coming along, she will invite from England an aimless but ingratiating young man who happens to be in love with Effie.

By now the police are aware that Effie and her gang are operating in the area, and thus suspicion falls on the erstwhile recluse, Harvey. Is he connected with the gang? Is he in contact with his wife? And so forth.

The consequent publicity, as the press and police investigate, constitutes a kind of suffering of Job. But the real suffering is at the unspoken level. Effie's arrival with her gang in the area has something of a suicidal quality – that kind of terrorism (devoid of any real political meaning) is a sort of suicide. It's like a protracted bender which can only end in a shoot-out. The terrorists take on the state, knowing that the state must, in the end, win. The state must kill the terrorist, in order to prove the terrorists' point that the state itself lives by terror. The German terrorists are saying: "We are your sons and your daughters – see how you kill us, you Fascists." And Effie is saying to Harvey: "You abandon me over an argument about capitalism. Now see if I am not right. Capitalism is going to kill me and ask you to identify the body."

It is a most strange novel, written with Miss Spark's great gift for the uncanny. And how concisely the whole thing is put. But yet it does leave the reader unsatisfied. It looked at the outset as if it was going to offer more. But, instead, it prefers to take its secret to Effie's grave.



Muriel Spark manipulates a suffering hero and his perishing wife

Adding to the sum of human happiness

Gay Firth

THE FABULOUS ENGLISHMAN
By Robert McCrum
Hamish Hamilton, £8.95

THINKS
By Keith Waterhouse
Michael Joseph, £8.95

THE SUMMER BOY
By Don Bannister
William Heinemann, 8.95

Leaving aside flights of fiction attempted by the likes of Miss Barbara Cartland, with the dubious purpose of spreading happiness around as if it were athlete's foot, making people happy is as rare in novels as it is in the human race – to which, as G. K. Chesterton pointed out, so many readers belong. Christopher Iles, *The Fabulous Englishman*, can make people happy.

He is fabulous in the literal sense: perceptions of him, at home and abroad, tend to superimpose myth upon his somewhat ingenuous, humdrum actuality. "Famous for fifteen minutes" as a young man for a first (and only) novel, the fables clinging to him are a nuisance when "I am trying, of course, to convey something about who he is, his tastes and style, the sense I have of a man caught in a time-warp." Making people happy is his "special gift".

He shares it here with a "collaborator": a first-person master of ceremonies who has devised – "I use the word advisedly" – this narrative; with their amanuensis, Robert McCrum; and with Keith Waterhouse and Don Bannister, whose inventiveness, audacity, and humour likewise add to the sum of human happiness this week.

"Christopher says, probably quoting, that the most important thing about a book is what you leave out." Robert McCrum, fast-bowling a flurry of agreeably sour indiscretions about book publishing, largely ignores the maxim. Wrapped in a dust jacket montage of street fighting and Soviet tanks in Prague in 1968, his third novel is a glittery literary collage: beautifully organized language; word games placed with careful art to comfort a sad heart.

It is at once a tale of how the book came to be written; a tale of *zeitgeist* – "those crazy years from Dallas to Prague" – and a modern Canterbury Tale of a "boyish, slightly defeated figure" travelling to find a bookseller pen-friend behind the Iron Curtain, a lost love, Milena, the girl whose kaleidoscope eyes have been closed forever, and a fresh focus for faded idealism. "I like a book that knows what it's doing and with a bit of mystery." Accompanied by songs and sweet airs of the Sixties, a sad, stylish, satisfying procession of swinging pilgrims ride forth under Mr McCrum's subtle, sharply fastidious eye. *Go, litel bok, go, litel myn tragedye*...

Hilariously and terrifyingly, Keith Waterhouse makes a pilgrim's progress through "a multi-image holographic aurora borealis of grisly retribution as vast in its scale as any great battle painting, as ingenious in its cruelty as any biblical panorama of Hell." Viz: what happens between your ears and mine – and James Thurber's Walter Mitty's – in the intervals between delightful daydreams, delicious fantasy, and de-lovely noises that go pocketa-pocketa-pocketa.

Thinks is a brilliantly contrived cartoon speech balloon of a novel: a day in the mind – and the mediocre, visibly dismal life – of Edgar Samuel Bapty, thrice married, a commercial radio station manager fast approaching the end of more than his career. Nondescript, middle-aged, overweight in a tight creased, blue velvet suit, he looks "as sane as anyone on this 8.33 to Victoria." He is. So am I. So are you.

There is not an ordinary, unexceptional member of the human race who does not think extraordinary thoughts in that "bubbling stew of fury, frustration and disappointment," the human brain. At least Bapty's silent rages are exuberant. They harm no-one, except vicariously. That is the best that can be said for them, and Keith Waterhouse says it, loud and clear. For the rest: "living, or rather thinking, vicariously, is a trait which he who lives a novel shares with those who read it." Feel free to leave, sir, madam: but look in the mirror first. Your lips are moving.

The *Summer Boy*, Martin Morley, a junior reporter on the newspaper in his Yorkshire home town, is too ardently engaged with his own life to live or think vicariously in any way. So far, so good for him: readers will count themselves lucky to share, even vicariously, his 20-year-old energy, decency, and promise.

Not the least remarkable feature of Don Bannister's unobtrusively remarkable fourth novel is the way it shows – if we look beyond a good strong plot, interesting action, and vivid characterizations matched to dialogue wonderfully audible, not just readable – how integrity and optimism begin to fray into melancholy. Martin will be lucky if he can continue to resist coming to terms with the corrosive cynicisms commonplace in "adult" attitudes and behaviour. In the meantime, cry God for his editor, known as "God": for a Chief Reporter determined to "make some sort of a newspaperman out of you yet"; and for novels which, in pursuing excellence rather than happiness, give both.

Prolific fantasies

Nigel Andrew

THE LAUGHTER OF CARTHAGE
By Michael Moorcock
Secker & Warburg £9.95

A CALL
By Ford Madox Ford
Carcanet, £8.95

It is hardly considered respectable in a writer to be both prolific and a fantasist. Michael Moorcock, an inveterate sinner on both counts, has had to come the long way to literary recognition. But now, with *The Laughter of Carthage*, he can surely no longer be denied his due: this enormous book – with its forerunner, *Byzantium Endures* – must establish him in the front rank of practising English novelists.

The Laughter of Carthage continues the chronicles of Dmitri Pyatnitski – alias Colonel Pyat, Peterson, Pallenberg – engineering genius, cocaine enthusiast, Russian patriot, sexual athlete, and fanatical enemy of Bolshevism, Zionism, Catholicism, Islam and all the forces of "Carthage", that polymorphous conspiracy of barbarism he sees everywhere triumphant. This novel begins where the previous volume left off, taking Pyat from Odessa to Constantinople, and thereafter to Rome, to Paris, to New York and over much of the United States, ending up in Hollywood. Along the way, the narrative describes one dizzying *peripeteia* after another – brief periods of fame and success being followed by betrayal and flight, whether from an aviation swindle in Paris, the Ku Klux Klan in America, or the mysterious figure from the past, Brodmann.

Moorcock has maintained the elaborate pretence that he is merely editing the chaotic polyglot memoirs of an eccentric old inhabitant of Ladbroke Grove; and again he expresses doubts as to Pyat's credibility and sanity – as well he might. Pyat is undoubtedly an "unreliable narrator": at times his delusions have a distinctly Nabokovian air, at others he seems a kind of twentieth-century Flashman, but his fantasies and prophetic outpourings achieve an effect all their own. Moorcock has here created a fiction that is seething with detailed life at every level – in the headlong narrative, in the bravura passages of scene-setting description, and, particularly, in the rendering of Pyat's vision of the world, a compound of paranoid obsession, utopian reverie, apocalyptic foreboding and, somewhere in the midst of it all, a peculiar penetrating sanity. This novel sequence is building into nothing less than a crazed and lurid compendium of the historical processes central to the twentieth century. *Byzantium Endures* covered the years to the end of 1919, *The Laughter of Carthage* (in many more pages) takes us to 1924. There is, presumably, much more to look forward to. Meanwhile this one deserves, at the least, a place on the Booker shortlist.

Also an inveterate fantasist, and equally prolific, Ford Madox Ford has survived, albeit as a minority taste. The latest of Carcanet's admirable reissues is *A Call*, a short early novel (1910) of interest chiefly as a defective foreshadowing of greater things to come. Ford was under the impression that in this book he was addressing the central problems of "our day and our class"; but, as Arnold Bennett pointed out, *A Call* is "profoundly and hopelessly untrue to life". It has far too much of the peculiar preposterousness that mars even Ford's finest works, and for all its Jamesian colouring, it lacks "felt life".

But for all that, even second-rate Ford has its particular delights. The feel for small-scale structure and the sheer artistry of individual passages and scenes, are wonderful. Ford may be merely daydreaming in *A Call*, but it is essentially the same daydream from which he was to elaborate *The Good Soldier* and *Parade's End*. Carcanet are to be congratulated for reissuing this fascinating and intermittently brilliant prototype.

Art in limitations

Bryan Appleyard

HOTEL DU LAC
By Anita Brookner
Cape, £7.95

This is a novel about limitations. At every turn a boundary is apparent: of perception, of sympathy, or of knowledge. Everything is framed, a suitable enough device for an art historian like Miss Brookner, and at the beginning and end we are deftly made aware that we are stepping in then out of a quite separate world.

The heroine, Edith Hope, has escaped to a somewhat blank and conscientiously anonymous Swiss hotel. She has fled from a mysterious scandal at home. An emotionally fragile spinster, she writes long, elaborate letters to her married lover and observes her fellow guests as autumn draws in. But she is perpetually aware that her perceptions are inadequate and quite often simply wrong. For all the detail of her observation it remains somehow unrealistic. She makes a living by writing romantic novels and, more to the point, she actually *believes* in them. She is aware of the incongruity of this; the rest of her world accepts them simply as accomplished little entertainments.

With a dedication to Rosamund Lehmann and brief passing tributes to Colette and Henry James, it is clear where Miss Brookner sees her antecedents.

If the effect is finally suffocating, leaving the reader craving for all the artifice to buckle under the strain then that is the inevitable result of Miss Brookner's determination to play the game to the end. David Lodge has pointed out that at times she veers close to the atmosphere of Sartre's *Nausea* with her characters' obsessive alienation from common perception; and certainly in this novel it seems clear that a little less control, an easing up on the decorum, could topple the prose over into that landscape. Indeed the very first sentence of the book seems to toy with an altogether bleaker style: "From the window all that could be seen was a receding area of grey." But undifferentiated grey is not for her. She needs the discipline of her form and the social and gregarious tradition from which it springs. For if this is a novel about limitations, then it should be remembered how many of them are gratefully accepted.

The flaws in the Führer

William Jackson

HITLER'S MISTAKES
By Ronald Lewin
Secker and Warburg, £9.95

Tome upon tome has been and will continue to be written about Adolf Hitler. Ronald Lewin's *Hitler's Mistakes*, which he completed just before he died earlier this year, is welcome for its commendable conciseness and readability. It can be enjoyed by the general reader and will provoke the experts. Though closely argued it is far from indigestible; and, while short, lacks neither depth nor balance. It is an intellectual *tour de force* which is a fitting epitaph to his life's work as a military historian.

Lewin suggests that the fundamental mistakes, which turned the pseudo-granite of the Third Reich into the dust and rubble of devastated Germany, had their origin in the limitations of his personality and in the deep flaws that fissured his character: his Messianic conviction that he was sent by Providence to give German civilization to the world; the emptiness of his soul, devoid as it was of all humanity and fitting so aptly St Paul's words "though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels and have not love, I am become as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal ..."; and his malign egomania that brooked no rivals and shut him off from the essential counsel of others whom he needed to supplement his all too human limitations of view, knowledge and experience.

Few readers would disagree with Lewin's view that one of Hitler's greatest mistakes was to set out on the creation of his "Thousand Year Reich" for the total benefit of the Greater German people with nothing better to offer the rest of the world than thralldom to German efficiency. Few empires have flourished without bringing some boon to the conquered: National Socialism had nothing for the lesser breeds beyond the Aryan pale. Lacking any feel for human fulfilment, Hitler's Teutonic Empire was doomed before the first panzer division went into action.

Lewin's view that Hitler could have stopped the Holocaust in time to harness the scientific and technological originality of the German Jews to his imperial needs is starkly controversial. Setting the moral issues aside, he argues that such a *volte-face* by Hitler would have been no more difficult than his concordat with the Pope and his 1939 pact with the Kremlin. He had the opportunity after the Night of the Long Knives in 1934, when he brought the Storm Troopers to heel, to mend his fences with the Jews. Had he done so London rather than Hiroshima might have been the world's first nuclear target.

He is on firmer ground in his analysis of Hitler's impact on the German machinery of Goverment. Trusting no one, he duplicated and often triplicated the command and control mechanism, setting up Party machinery to carry forward his policies in competition with the established organs of the German state. Using the principle of divide and rule he created a servo-mechanism to protect himself, but in so doing, hamstrung German decision making.

In the military field Lewin rightly singles out Hitler's no withdrawal syndrome as his last and perhaps greatest mistake of all, and suggests that this did not stem from his experiences as a corporal in the First World War on the Western Front but from his overpowering egotism. Hitler, he points out, was the supreme possessive: he was the Reich and the Reich was Hitler; any surrender of territory was unacceptable and, indeed unimaginable because it was an extension of himself.

Lewin draws his epitaph for Hitler from Doctor Johnson:

He left the name at which the world grew pale, To point a moral, or adorn a tale.

It is a pity Lewin did not live long enough to produce the sequel: why it took the Allies so long to master a nation led by such a man.

A menagerie of the odd the old and the forgotten

Basil Boothroyd

AN ABC OF NOSTALGIA
By E. S. Turner
Michael Joseph, £9.95

Those old enough to remember the Yellow Peril have probably forgotten what it was. They are here dryly reminded. Those too young are informed. The same goes for Black Ascot, Couéism and Aeolian Harps. Further down the alphabet, how about the Passing Bell and the Pogo-stick?

Since the author has a wonderful eye for oddities, and behind the eye a grave yet exulting twinkle, the book is funny on both selection and presentation, and makes the two levels of audience captive. Or three. As well as the ignorant and forgetful, there are those who find they have been assuming continuity in aspects of life long ceased. The Dunce's Cap (now for cartoonists only). Errand boys. Whistling. The Two Minutes' Silence. The Passing Bell has passed, with its sombre codes notifying the sex and age of the passer. Had we noticed?

Whistling and errand boys go together. Or did. They've gone. So has whistling for cabs, not whistling by natural gift, but aided by the instrument of the referee or railwayman. Seventy years back, in London, it had become enough of a nuisance to be banned between ten at night and seven in the morning.

Each oddity accretes its supporting oddities. When a guest of the Oswald Mosleys fell off a pogo-stick and broke his jaw, the lethal toy was chucked into the river. The Two Minutes' Silence, before cynicism extinguished it, had aircraft passengers standing to attention, while even the pilot – altitude no doubt permitting – silenced his engines and glided.

There are disillusioning shocks. Had we not believed (V for Ventriloquism) in the enviable skill of "throwing the voice", far beyond, that is, the dummy on the knee? Or that the Indians could magic a boy up a self-supporting rope, either to disappear for good or reappear dismembered?

Standing mainly back from his matter, certainly inviting no sighs for the good old days when chesty children were walked round the gasworks to inhale the curative fumes, and trams displayed warning notices about perilously projecting hatpins, he yields to a comment or speculation here and there. Why have we never wondered, for instance (R for Recitation) just *why* the boy stood on the burning deck, whence all but he had sensibly fled? He notes that the best cars "like the people had hyphenated names" listing a roll-call of seventeen.

M for Motoring could be dull, without the revelation that the Archduke Ferdinand was assassinated in a Gräf und Stift ("the Habsburgs' favourite limousine"), that Isadora Duncan's strangling scarf was caught in the back wheel of an Amilcar.

Had you noticed (S for Skipping) that children skip no more? Or forgotten, or never knew, about straw laid in the streets for the dangerously ill, and the perfumed watercart to lay the dust when all was over?

None of Mr Turner's book is for skipping. Dipping, perhaps. Myself, I gulped it at a go. There would always be, always was, a next irresistible page.

THE TIMES DIARY

Skeleton in the closet

Neil Kinnock's condemnation of picket-line violence at the TUC conference brought accusations of hypocrisy yesterday from one group of cynical Kent miners. Chatting at a conference bar, they were quick to raise an incident in Brighton in 1981 when Kinnock splattered a Grand Hotel lavatory with blood after beating up a young man. It happened at the end of what was described as the "ugliest week in Kinnock's political career", during which he opposed Tony Benn's bid for deputy leadership. Kinnock, then shadow education spokesman, was alone in the lavatory washing his hands when a youth walked in and kicked Kinnock on the elbow.

Kinnock then seized him, pulling him in close. "And then I beat the $$$$ out of him", he had confided to friends, adding later that apparently there was "blood and vomit all over the floor". As for his peaceful support of the NUM, the miners recalled how Kinnock offered one collector at the Durham Miners' Gala this summer a 50p piece. "If that's all you want to give, keep it", said the miner as he threw it back indignantly.

Low-spirited

If any of the units on the British Army's Exercise Lionheart are plotting to celebrate its launch this week by raiding any cocktail cabinets along the way, they are in for a disappointment. The strongest stuff is likely to be soda pop. One unit eased the rigours of the last comparable exercise, "Crusader", by throwing a champagne breakfast at one of the stopping points. Wives and girlfriends were invited. This was not viewed as being entirely in keeping with the martial spirit, and an imperial rocket of complaint was launched from the office of the Chief of General Staff. Things, as they say, go better with Coke.

Grin and bear it

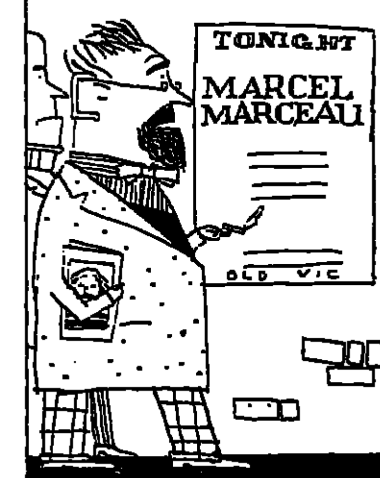
The bearlike figure of Boris Averyanov, veteran leader of Soviet observers to the TUC, was strangely absent from this year's opening. Fears were that Averyanov, who has attended Congresses since 1957 and is invariably first in the hall, had been put off by last year's objections to his presence in the wake of the Korean airline affair. Not so. By yesterday a seat in the visitors' gallery was once more groaning beneath his 17-odd stone. He had been delayed apparently by an important Politburo meeting in Moscow. "I told the General Secretary", he complained, "but he wouldn't listen".

● **The "cure-all" well in Medina, Saudi Arabia, used by thousands for its "miraculous medical powers", has been closed. The Medina Governorate said its water was "unfit for human consumption".**

Strike a light

NUM vice-president Mick McGahey has been negotiating hard – not with Ian MacGregor but with the kiosk boy in Brighton's Metropole Hotel. Unwilling to pay £1.40 for cigarettes in the hotel bar, he has been quibbling daily about the kiosk price of £1.20 on the grounds that they cost only £1.00 "down the road". Like MacGregor, the boy has stubbornly refused to compromise.

BARRY FANTONI



'I loved his interpretation of Scargill and MacGregor'

Price of youth

Bookseller James Fergusson plays an interesting game in the latest *Books & Bookmen*: judging the collector's value of first editions of novelists' first books. The premium is on youth. Perennial teenager Martin Amis's *The Rachel Papers* fetches £40, while whipper-snapper William Boyd's *A Good Man in Africa*, published in 1981, is now worth £50. Sadly the outstanding Muriel Spark's first work changes hands for just £35 – although even that is better than Gore Vidal. Fergusson estimates his 1946 debut, *A Williwaw*, is today worth absolutely nothing.

Squashed

Twenty-one years after the Victoria and Albert Museum set up a special committee to look into acquiring a computer for its cataloguing, an impressive-looking ACT Apricot has arrived. But the curators' joy was short-lived. The new technology is for display only, first in the "Office of the future" exhibition, and then on permanent show in the furniture department. So it is back to quill pens and ledgers.

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Why Hongkong must learn to rule

by David Howell

In the next few weeks the die will be cast for Hongkong. It is true that the agreement being reached with Beijing is to be subject to the approval of Parliament and to an assessment of local Hongkong opinion. But once the British Government has secured a carefully balanced package deal from the Chinese there will clearly be no room for amendments and it is inconceivable that Parliament would turn down what the Government commends. So the next few weeks will be decisive in shaping the future for Hongkong's five million inhabitants.

Contrary to much self-congratulatory press comment in London, the agreement will not be a very satisfactory, let alone a glorious, episode in British overseas policy. Sir Geoffrey Howe has certainly rescued a near-calamitous situation by patient negotiation. In the next 10 to 13 years there is time enough for fortunes to be made and for new equipment to be installed, depreciated and written off maybe twice over before the new order begins to cast its shadow over daily life.

And after that? If Hongkong is really left alone for 50 years the business possibilities are endless – new power stations to be built in China, trade and financial links with the mainland to be further expanded, neighbouring Guangdong province showing distinct capitalist tendencies, with other parts of China following on.

The trouble is that for most people and their families quite different rules apply. Children and grandchildren last longer than machines, and family roots go deeper than business investments. Hongkong may be one of the world's greatest conglomerations of financial and entrepreneurial skills, but it is much more than that. It is a vastly prosperous society of millions; a city-state, in fact a nation.

It has enjoyed freedom under the rule of law without the agonies of power and politics. The gap was filled by dedicated British officials providing not imperial control but an invaluable service – sound and fair administration.

But how on earth can a society which has had no politics somehow grow a genuine government over the next decade, strong enough to co-exist for years to come with mainland China, without turning into a puppet regime, an autonomous region in the usual meaningless Communist sense, rather than a truly separate system.

The British Government's Green Paper on political development in Hongkong has unleashed a swirl of debate, and even some enthusiasm. But Hongkong's potential leaders, not to mention its administrators, need to know that their efforts are going to be allowed to endure and are not simply going to earn them the label of "unpatriotic", to be brushed aside in favour of more compliant nominees when 1997 comes.

People can be forgiven for assuming on the basis of past experience that without outside guarantees this is all too likely to happen.

It is therefore imperative that the agreement to be initialled at the end of this month should give much more substance than has so far been visible to the concept of a distinct and separate Hongkong government after 1997. The Foreign Secretary has spoken of the forthcoming agreement being legally binding internationally. This must be reinforced with hoops of steel.

If the Chinese are as committed as they say to a capitalist Hongkong – which requires, of course, a government which is a separate entity with international legal status – they should welcome international underwriting after 1997 as a means of maintaining essential confidence.

The second imperative is that the unsettled issues of passports and nationality, land rights and civil aviation policy should be handled with the greatest resolution over the next few weeks.

In particular, it is fundamental to Hongkong life that people should know clearly the legal basis on which they hold land on lease from the government. And it is vital that the two million Hongkong people holding British passports continue to have these renewed and recognized internationally, even if they provide no right of abode in the UK in present circumstances.

But the British task now, in these final days of negotiation, is to ensure by every possible entrenching device that a genuine Hongkong administration will be allowed to govern, that the chances of this amazing, vast, citadel of freedom and free enterprise surviving free and unmolested are maximized and that the unique historic experiment of "two systems in one country" truly works and is not betrayed.

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Michael Binyon looks behind the rhetoric of Honecker's cancelled visit

A German dream foundering on the rock of Realpolitik

German refugees going West in 1945: the survivors a reminder of those still unreconciled to the post-war borders

Bonn

Erich Honecker's proposed visit to West Germany crashed on the rocks of Soviet opposition. The East German leader has been left to salvage what he can of his policies towards Bonn, but it is plain to him and to all the world that he was never fully master of his own ship.

The East Germans, of course, have blamed Bonn for the shipwreck, citing "unseemly" political controversy over the visit – a charge the West German government has forcefully rejected. But in one important respect the Kohl government has only itself to blame. By allowing the spectre of German reunification to hover over the political debate on relations between the two German states, Bonn's politicians not only appeared to lend substance to the absurd – and cynically manipulated – Soviet charges of revanchism, but gave Herr Honecker the pretext he needed for calling off the visit.

There is a basic contradiction in West German policies towards East Germany which opponents of Ostpolitik at home and abroad have not been slow to utilize. On the one hand West Germany has not given up its dream of reunification; the concept of a reunited country after fair and free elections on both sides is enshrined in the preamble to the constitution, and all West German politicians insist there is still one German "nation", even if it is now divided into two states. On the other hand former Chancellor Willy Brandt extended *de facto* recognition to East Germany as a separate state.

In good times the contradiction did not matter. In the heyday of détente the Russians were able to accept the formula of a "letter on German unity" setting out Bonn's legal position.

But in bad times, when East-West relations are at a low ebb, the Russians have chosen to direct their propaganda against those politicians here who insist the German question is still open, or those groups of exiles and right-wingers who insist the eastern frontier between East Germany and Poland is not yet legally settled.

It is doubly unfortunate, therefore, that just such a discussion should have begun again here now, when the Kohl government was trying to entice a cautiously eager Honecker into making his first visit to the land of his birth. The recent remark by Herr Hans Apel, a former Social Democratic minister and SPD mayoral candidate in Berlin, that the German question was no longer open immediately prompted a sharp reaction from members of the CDU government.

At the same time Chancellor Kohl's decision to be the first chancellor for 13 years to address the congress of exiles expelled from German territories in the East after the war was symbolically provocative, given the delicacy of Honecker's relations with Moscow. It did not matter that Kohl insisted his government upheld all treaties signed with the East; his presence was enough for the Russians to claim he was taking those unreconciled to the border changes under his wing.

In many ways reunification is an albatross around the neck of every Bonn government. When pressed, every responsible German politician will admit that such a thing is unlikely in the forseeable future. In his government declaration last year Kohl said that reunification was only possible in partnership with and in agreement with all Germany's neighbours in the East and West. He knows quite well that the big neighbour in the East will never agree to such a concept.

But officially to give up the dream altogether is to give up the ideal which inspires West Germany's feelings of responsibility for its countrymen "over there". This feeling is vital to the bulk of the East German people as well, who do not want to be left in the lurch by their western neighbour. Without the dream it is not so certain that West Germany would be willing to part with so much money to help East Germany, or support the belief that both German states have a "community of responsibility" for peace in Europe.

But reunification – however unlikely in present circumstances – provokes a gut reaction in both East and West. It is also beginning to raise eyebrows in Washington, where there is little sympathy for Bonn's wishes to strengthen links with the communist East.

Rapprochement is a better word to describe the real aim of the Federal Republic. How much has this been set back by the postponement of the Honecker visit – a postponement which looks to many like a permanent cancellation – in the short term. The answer is that the movement has been halted in its tracks. East Germany may now be persuaded to take a much tougher stance on the legal issues of sovereignty and recognition. The Honecker leadership, despite its obvious reluctance to bow to Soviet pressure, may try to guard its long-term aims by joining more enthusiastically in the Moscow-orchestrated campaign against revanchism, now that there is nothing to lose.

In the long term, however, both sides have a keen interest in seeing their relations develop further. The East Berlin regime would face serious internal opposition if it tried abruptly to cut those links that have already been forged. More importantly, the GDR needs West German money and markets.

Bonn has often said the road to rapprochement would be stony and full of pitfalls. It will not be deflected from its course by the scrapping of a visit that, in the circumstances, might have caused more difficulties for both sides than the value of its symbolic seal.

Both East and West Germany have a tacit understanding not to embarrass each other in their respective alliances. Herr Honecker had clearly reached the limit of tolerance in his own alliance. Bonn will be careful not to be seen to try to play off East Berlin against Moscow or to embarrass Honecker further by cultivating him while ignoring Soviet sensibilities. But for relations to develop now Kohl's government and members of his party must learn to watch their remarks.

West Germany is a land of free expression, as the chancellor's office pointed out on Tuesday, and public debate over the German question is not to be suppressed. Germans, as *Die Zeit* said recently, must be allowed to dream their dreams of reunification. But such dreams must not be confused with today's politics, for they are quickly misunderstood abroad.

Can the Colombian peace dove survive?

Bogota

There is no escaping it. The image of a white dove of peace looms everywhere in Colombia today. In Bogota and other cities it has been painted on walls, pavements, bridges and over Tarmac the breadth of the widest avenues. In the shanty towns its outline, cut out on paper attached to wire or string, flutters in the wind between the hovels. In towns, villages and hamlets it is to be seen superimposed on the national flag, carved on tree trunks, etched on schoolchildren's satchels and bizarrely daubed on the faces of teenagers taking their cue from Europe's punks.

A stranger might well think the European peace movement has suddenly caught on – or that Colombia has just come through a long and bitter foreign war. The latter would be nearer the truth – except that the peace being celebrated is internal.

To be exact, Colombians are celebrating the recent signing of a series of ceasefire pacts by the government of President Belisario Betancur and the nation's leading guerrilla groups, including the populist April 19 movement (M-19), to pave the way for a return to civilian life under a general amnesty.

The treaties are unique, historic. Insurgent groups in Latin America are not supposed to just fade out like this. They either attract enough popular support to gain power, as in Cuba and Nicaragua, or are ruthlessly crushed by the military.

Yet today M-19 leaders are preparing to reorganize as a mainstream political movement and looking for a national headquarters in Bogota.

The unreality of it all has not fooled Colombians. Mindful of their country's violent history they recognize that the truces represent at best a glimmer of hope. As one commentator observed, a more apt image than the dove might have been two crossed fingers.

For civil strife has been a fixture of national life for as long as most people can remember. Sectarian violence started to simmer in the 1930s and in 1948 erupted in conflict between liberals and conservatives. The outside world remained ignorant of *la violencia*, as the conflict was called, because it was fought in the countryside. But after the military were forced to intervene in 1953, news of the senseless slaughter that had been going on slowly trickled out. Estimates of the dead range from 250,000 to 300,000.

Guerrillas of the revolutionary left first emerged in the early 1960s, the most legendary being Fr Camilo Torres (inspiration for the priest-turned-subversive in Graham Greene's *The Honorary Consul*). M-19 came on the scene a decade later taking its name from the date of the 1970 election at which most Colombians believe a populist opposition alliance was robbed of victory by ballot-rigging by the two main parties.

It is this vicious cycle of violence that Betancur now seeks to end. He has been called a man obsessed with peace, whether promoting the Contadora group's initiatives in Central America, or encouraging guerrillas at home to come in from the cold. He admits as much himself. After the latest truces began, he told the nation: "My primary mission has been to seek peace but not a military 'pax romano', nor a peace of one (political) party against another From now on there is something more than mere paper, there is a commencement of peace."

Few question his courage, but there is disquiet that under the terms of the agreements the guerrillas appear to have ceded nothing. They are not even obliged to turn in their arms. There is also outrage that a number of subversives, detained under the previous government but freed soon after Betancur came to power two years ago, are to be given a second chance despite having returned actively to the armed struggle.

The first ceasefire pact was forged with the nation's biggest guerrilla group, the Revolutionary Armed Forces (FARC), in May and has been holding. Marxist-Leninist, mainly peasant, the FARC is respected for at least being a serious revolutionary organization, and the truce came into effect after ceremonies which had a certain dignity.

But the recent treaties with the predominantly middle-class M-19 and two other groups were signed in farce. M-19 has always been know for its sense of theatre and this occasion seemed pure pantomime, with guerrillas signing autographs, posing for photographs with the locals and M-19 women – ferocious fighters and passionate lovers, it was said – dancing in the streets. M-19's political ideology remained as vague as ever, except for glib references to democracy and dialogues.

An angry columnist in Bogota exploded: "We are running the risk of converting ourselves into another Nicaragua under military ecclesiastical rule, or – in order to avoid that fate – of collapsing into a reactionary Pinochet-style dictatorship." This is highly unlikely as Colombia's armed forces are the most constitutionally-minded and loyal in Latin America. A rival columnist countered: "Is it preferable to have Guerrillas mounting military actions and kidnappings or pronouncing political speeches? Adding that the treaties represented "a compass towards peace – If it is all just a big lie, well at least we will soon know."

Vast, racially diverse, and volatile, Colombia has never been an easy country to govern. Yet the military have intervened only once this century – to quell *La violencia* – and the country has continued to muddle along as a functioning if imperfect democracy despite threats to public order from the nefarious drug racket as well as subversion.

Betancur, a Christian Democrat who won on the conservative ticket, has taken a bold gamble but one riddled with dangers. It is not clear whether the guerrilla groups, and M-19 in particular, can bring all their members into line behind the ceasefire pacts. Right-wing death squads threaten to kill subversives returning to civilian life, the military are unhappy, kidnappings continue, and drug racketeers are ready to step up arms and funds to the guerrillas to divert attention from them.

Above all, recession greatly restricts Betancur's ability to introduce real social reforms. Although his government has had great success in slashing inflation, unemployment is high and the shanty grow bigger.

Betancur will have seen an M-19 advertisement in the press hailing the peace accords. It features a new M-19 logo – a white dove, of course, posed precariously between two automatic weapons. As Gabriel García Márquez, the Colombian novelist and Nobel prize-winner, puts it, peace requires "a dove with the eye of an eagle. The enemies of peace are so many and so powerful . . . that the dove of peace cannot sleep without keeping one eye always open and alert."

Geoffrey Matthews

Ronald Butt

The SDP needs a tail to get ahead

The Labour Party has only three major assets left, and they are diminishing. It has its brand name, its machine and the persistent tendency of a significant section of the voting public to support it from habit, as their "class" party. That is not riches for a party aspiring to government. What the Labour Party lacks – acceptable policies, unity and coherent leadership – is much more significant than what it possesses. Even so, its three assets remain the Social Democrats' biggest handicap.

Moderate Labour voters know all about the domination of the party machine by left-wing extremists who are unrepresentative of the mass of moderate Labour opinion. They know about the party's confiscatory social and economic policies; about its obsession with the mechanics of equality which can only operate at the expense of freedom; about its rejection of nuclear defence and its ambivalence towards the western alliance.

In varying degrees, they dislike or distrust all these characteristics, but they also tend not to take them too seriously. With an eye to history, they recall that Labour leaders have often travelled with the left in opposition but have cast it off in power when it was necessary to adopt a responsible policy.

So despite their serious misgivings about the current state of the Labour Party and its leadership, many habitual Labour voters of moderate opinions would expect history to repeat itself if they were forced to choose in a political climate of acute national dissatisfaction with the Tories. They would not find it too great a strain on their imagination to assume that Mr Kinnock would lead a government not significantly more extreme then those of Wilson and Callaghan.

That would almost certainly be false comfort. Any Labour government that came to power in the foreseeable future would do so in circumstances that would make its conduct of affairs very different from that of its Labour predecessors. But Labour is still the principle obstacle faced by the SDP in any swing-of-the-pendulum election.

To become a significant political force, the Social Democrats must take and keep more votes from the Labour Party, aiming ultimately to replace it. For all the fine talk about mould-breaking, there would have been no SDP but for the left-wing takeover which forced Dr Owen and his friends to defect. Even under a proportional system, it is hard to believe that there is room for both the SDP and Labour as parties eligible for government, or that either could join the other in coalition. If (and it is a very big if) the SDP becomes office-worthy it will be because Labour has been driven to occupy a position on the far left where power is likely to elude it.

What shape is the SDP now in for pursuing its ultimate task of trying to replace Labour? In one of its aspects, it is a party which rings the bell of every "liberal" cliché on women's rights, ethnic minorities and disapproval of the present government's actions to counteract abuses of the immigration law. That is not exactly a recipe for popular support. But in the year of Dr Owen's successful leadership, the principal emphasis has been elsewhere. Competition has been praised as well as compassion, and Dr Owen openly argues that effective welfare means "adopting a policy of selecivity and abandoning the overriding welfare principle".

Former Labour activists now in the SDP are slowly coming to terms with this way of thinking, and it is not impossible that present Labour voters (non-striking Nottinghamshire miners among them) with "middle-class" ideas of personal responsibility might be weaned to it too. They would also be natural supporters of Dr Owen's vigorous patriotism.

Dr Owen, it must be said, claims a firmer foundation for his advocacy of competition than the logic of his party's general position entitles him to. His remains a planning party, and he openly laments the decline in confidence in industrial planning. The SDP's "green paper" on competitiveness still assumes that the government should assist the rise of new industries and cushion the decline of old with preferential investment capital, with bureaucrats planning which industries should fall into which category.

The SDP censures the Government for its "narrow" commitment to zero inflation, and Dr Owen attacks the Chancellor for not admitting that recent economic growth is the consequence of loosening money policy – ignoring the fact that money restraints could not have been loosened without the measures to defeat inflation which he condemns. The SDP remains a party that believes in government action to remove the world's evils.

But that will always be the nature of the party of the left, and what matters is that the SDP expresses its beliefs in civilized terms that respect liberty and enterprise. That is its potential advantage. Dr Owen has given it a direction and coherence, which means that the SDP will have no inclination to discuss its relations with the Liberals this year. The Liberals will discuss at their assembly the drive towards a permanent partnership of the allies, if not amalgamation. But that has no appeal to the SDP.

Satisfied with Dr Owen, they rightly see no value in amalgamating with a Liberal Party that includes too many of the kind of people they tried to escape from when they left the Labour Party, and too much other absurdity. If the SDP is a head without a tail, the Liberals are a huge tail without a head, writhing in their grassroots in no clear direction. It is not a tail for the SDP head to become attached to; the tiny head might suffer a horrid metamorphosis into something dangerously like Mr Michael Meadowcroft.

As a head with a strong leader, the SDP is in the business of attracting a tail, preferably from the old Labour vote. That is the gamble the SDP is taking under Dr Owen; that is the purpose of keeping its individual indentity. The odds against it coming off are large but the risk is worthwhile. The SDP will have to future as an element of the party known as Liberal. But if it could make headway along its present path, it would be for the health of the nation to have a social democratic rather than a socialist party as the principal alternative to the Tories.

Gerald Kaufman

Don't let them milk us for profits

In German the word is *ultrahocherhitzt*, an ugly description of a repulsive substance.

For me it all came to a head in the Rebstock garden restaurant, Lucerne. I had just finished an agreeable (and reasonably inexpensive) lunch and was awaiting with pleasurable anticipation a cup of excellent Swiss coffee. The waitress approached and set down in front of me a cup from which wafted a heavenly aroma. On the saucer, however, squatted evilly a small brown container with fluted sides. Insultingly, its little lid was decorated with a mountain flower. I let out a howl of anger and dismay. Concerned, the waitress asked if anything was wrong.

"I asked for cream with my coffee", I lamented, "and you have brought me" – my voice quivered with anguish as I pointed to the brown container – "this".

"But that *is* cream", she responded soothingly.

"No it is not. It is UHT – *ultrahocherhitzt*. It ruins the taste of everything it touches."

"We serve it to everyone", said the waitress. "But if you want fresh cream I will of course get it for you." She did so, bringing a little china jug whose contents I added to my coffee. The taste was as magnificent as the aroma: as I savoured it, however, I contemplated the fuss I had had to make. For two weeks I had been in Austria and Switzerland, countries whose hillsides are almost totally obscured by grazing cows. Evidence of the fecundity of those cows was provided by the whipped cream that was served on soup, on fruit, on ice cream, on almost anything that one cared to name – except coffee, to accompany which those loathsome little containers marked UHT were provided over and over again.

Repeatedly I had complained. Now, however, sitting in this pleasant garden, I asked myself how many others did not complain; how many others, adopting the line of least resitance, accepted the muck they were given and had a small but important pleasure spoiled as a result.

For the serving of these nasty substitutes for fresh dairy products is designed entirely for the convenience of caterers. Large numbers of them have decided no longer to risk spending money on fresh milk or cream, which may be wasted or go sour. Instead, they purchase vast quantities of Ultra-Heat Treated material, which lasts a long time and involves much less waste for them.

Of course, these substances spoil the beverages to which they are added, but that is no concern of the suppliers. Of course, the cost of manufacturing all those little containers is quite substantial, but that cost is added to the price of the unpleasant beverage that the consumer is obliged to drink. Instead of catering being intended to make profits by supplying the wants of the consumer, it is increasingly being turned into a business conducted in the expense of the consumer in both financial and gustatory terms.

My little protest in the Rebstock restaurant, and all the other little protests that I and perhaps a small minority of others have made, by themselves have no influence. What is needed is a mass movement of consumers, who will cry out at every possible occasion, "Enough is enough." A campaign is necessary. We need badges to wear in restaurants and cafeterias, with the slogan: "I reject UHT". We need to demonstrate that there is more profit to be gained from satisfying customers than from exploiting them.

That will not be the end of the battle. There are other enemies to be fought: the disgusting little pats of butter, wrapped in paper, that get all over the hands and smear the clothes; the useless electric hand-dryers installed in public washrooms; the foul rubbish called Maxpax, which British Rail foists on travellers under the pretence that one kind is tea and another is coffee.

If we are determined, we can get rid of these and other banes of a society in which the consumer is increasingly regarded as an inconvenient essential to the making of profits. The fight back must begin somewhere. Let its first objective be the obliteration of UHT.

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CLEAN SWEEP IN CANADA

A gale, rather than a wind, of change has blown through Canada. It would be difficult to exaggerate the achievement of Mr Brian Mulroney and the Progressive Conservatives in Tuesday's general election. The blast has flattened the mighty Liberal Party. The campaign has not been a contest over issues so much as a clash between personalities. Both new men, Mr Mulroney and Mr John Turner, the prime minister, offered the country change. This was an easier task for the former. Mr Turner, after the long years of Mr Pierre Trudeau's Liberal governments, found it impossible to woo an electorate weary of his party.

Mr Mulroney fought a masterful campaign. Within the party he is of the progressive rather than conservative wing and he has been skilled in capturing the electoral middle ground from the Liberals. He avoided as much as possible being specific on policies, but was free with general promises. So this is not exactly the ideological landslide sweeping conservative victories in the United States and United Kingdom have been.

Not least of Mr Mulroney's achievements in the fifteen months since he became leader has been to hold his party together and to convince them that they could win. The Tories have been famous for their inability to avoid damaging squabbles. Mr Mulroney's firm, if often deliberately vague, lead has been decisive. He has worked hard at the grass roots and has been rewarded across the country.

His strategy in Quebec, of which he is a native and, now, a sitting member, has been triumphantly vindicated. The Tories had one of the 75 seats in the province: now they have 58. There will undoubtedly be a strong Quebec representation in Mr Mulroney's first cabinet (and presumably work will be found for Mr Roch LaSalle, who was that lone Tory representative from Quebec in the outgoing parliament).

What Mr Mulroney had to do – and, apart from a slight stumble or two in the closing stages, he did it with great skill – was to steer his course and let the disenchantment of the electorate with the Liberals and the blunders of an often out-of-touch Mr Turner take their effect. The Liberals were the party of government in Canada because their position was just left of centre, middle class but reformist and with concern for the minorities and the less privileged. Mr Turner started off too far to the right. His opponents were able to depict him as being anti-minorities, of being for the "haves" rather than the "have nots". Although he tried to centralize his position as the campaign wore on (bringing in Senator Keith Davey as manager of his campaign, promising tax increases for the wealthy), Mr Turner was never able to resolve the contradictions.

Mr Turner faltered, while Mr Mulroney was decisive, on the subject of French-language rights in Manitoba. He agreed patronage posts for Trudeau men and appeared weak and not in control. There was no help for Mr Turner from his old enemy Mr Trudeau, who never appeared on a platform with him and took little part in the contest.

The shock to the Liberal Party of this defeat is enormous, though after a similar defeat at the hands of Diefenbaker in 1958 it took the Liberals only five years to regain power. Mr Turner has said that he will stay on as leader, but the decision is not for him alone. His personal achievement in winning a seat in Vancouver, though, may mean that he will go in the medium rather than the short term. His is, after all, the only Liberal gain. Before the polls closed, indeed before they had opened, leading Liberals were already calculating their chances for the succession. Mr Jean Chrétien, deputy prime minister, who ran second in the leadership ballots in June, must consider his chances to be rather high.

Mr Mulroney has no such troubles. He will take up the task of prime minister as something of an unknown quantity, and the actions of his government will perforce be more specific than his campaign utterances. But he starts with a famous victory and had proved himself as party leader. Canadians have the change they wanted.

OTHER BUSINESS AT BRIGHTON

Somewhere in Brighton, almost overwhelmed by the sound and fury of the mining dispute, the trade unions of Britain are holding their annual congress. The conflict is so momentous in its consequences, so eye-catching in its succession of dramatic incidents, that it is easy to lose sight of the fact that one of the principal organized partners in our society is meanwhile assessing its course of action for the coming year over a range of issues far wider than any one dispute, and touching almost every aspect of political and industrial life.

Of course, the entire labour movement to some extent is forced to wait in arrest until the conflict has resolved itself, for the outcome will do much to determine its role and character for years to come. But there are many currents of feeling in the movement, which the outcome of the coal dispute may either reinforce or dam up, and they are not without their own significance.

One candidate who lost his place on the TUC general council in Tuesday's elections professed himself incredulous that figures like Bill Sirs and John Lyons had easily secured re-election in spite of their public refusal to give lip-service to the statement that secured the semblance of united TUC support to the miners. Many of the delegates who gave Mr Scargill a standing ovation before he even began to speak on Monday – and perhaps some of those who ferociously barracked Mr Lyons at the rostrum – must have quietly given their votes to the men who dared say that they would not and could not require their members to throw their own jobs away to save moribund pits. Overall, the general council is little changed in political colour since the move towards moderation brought about by last year's voting reforms. If it is more unpredictable on some issues, that is more because Nalgo moved to the left at its last annual conference than because of any wider change of mood.

It is always necessary in trade union affairs to give both sentiment and prudence their due. The indivisible and invincible movement of myth has to be reconciled with the need to take account of the reservations of the rank and file – reservations which find readier expression these days, through fear of unemployment, distaste for being dragooned into disputes for show, and a taste for being consulted whetted by the prospect of statutory rights to a ballot.

Tuesday's debate on employment law, probably the most psychologically illuminating in this year's congress, showed sentiment and prudence grappling for the upper hand, and reaching a characteristic accommodation. The general council was censured for having refused to let the NGA bounce it into an illegal token strike in support of its mob tactics in the Stockport Messenger dispute, in spite of Mr Len Murray's unanswerable insistence that to do so would have brought catastrophe on the entire TUC. Congress resolved not to deny support to unions defying the new laws. But when invited to take away the general council's discretion whether to give support or not, congress prudently reaffirmed its 1982 Wembley policy, and put its trust in Mr Murray's successor to save the movement from sentiment again if the need arose – and to bear the consequences in as fine a spirit of service as he has done.

Yesterday's debates on education and the economy showed similar patterns. The newly-radicalized Nalgo threw its weight behind moves to flounce out of the Youth Training Scheme and the National Economic Development Council – which the TUC has boycotted since February in protest over the GCHQ case. As a result the vote on NEDC was uncomfortably close. But prudence won the day, and TUC delegates can be expected soon to resume a dialogue which often appears thankless to all sides, but one which any modern complex society should at least attempt.

The CBI has welcomed the TUC's return with jubilation, and a reflationary alliance to vex ministers, not without hope of influence, is in prospect. This move back to contact and cooperation even in the midst of the bitterest dispute since the war bears witness to the fact that the movement, is not, except in its own rhetoric, a negative force implacably pledged to confrontation with the elected government of the country.

DANGEROUS TO KNOW

Last Saturday Colonel Gaddafi spoke at a military parade in Tripoli to mark the fifteenth anniversary of the revolution which brought him to power. He spoke at some length, as is his wont, and dwelt on the theme of Arab unity, which is a favourite subject of his. He promised to "continue to mobilize the forces of the Arab nation to destroy at any cost the so-called State of Israel". And so on. And so forth.

"We greet the unionist Moroccan King. Yes, the unionist King. Through him we challenge the presidents, leaders and commanders .... They have wronged the masses by their false slogans.". That same king, earlier this year, hosted a conference of Jews of Moroccan origin attended by citizens of the state which Colonel Gaddafi is mobilizing the forces of the Arab nation to destroy, including even members of the ruling party of that state, the Likud. Colonel Gaddafi did not mention this. Nor did he mention the Sahrawi people, whose struggle against King Hassan's occupation of their territory he so long supported, and whom he has now left in the lurch.

Instead he spoke of his hopes for unity with Algeria, with Tunisia, with Syria. And then he addressed greetings to the Libyan pilgrims who had gone to "the Holy Land" (the Hijaz) for the annual pilgrimage. He asked them "to celebrate the creation of the federation today and of the September 1 anniversary with reason, with responsibility and in close co-operation with the Saudi authorities". Why? "Because we have received reports early this morning from King Hassan, King Fahd and from Syria to the effect that the revolutionary force and the popular masses of the people's conferences among the Libyan pilgrims have taken to the streets or want to take to the streets of Mecca and take control of the Holy Mosque..." He appealed to them not to do such a thing at a time when "we want to rally the Arab nation together". After all it was possible that even Saudi Arabia, "also a kingdom, might join in union with us".

Yesterday, however, quoting diplomatic sources in Tripoli, the Washington Post reported that the plan for an armed takeover of the Holy Mosque – which could well have meant a repetition of the bloodbath of November 1979 and would, at the height of the pilgrimage, have been an even more devastating blow to the prestige of the Saudi royal family – was almost certainly instigated by Colonel Gaddafi himself. The pilgrims were virtually an official Libyan delegation (in so far as anything in Libya is official) and included Libyan "diplomats". They could not conceivably have smuggled arms into Saudi Arabia, or planned an act of such enormous political significance, without Colonel Gaddafi's approval. In fact it seems that during August several parties of Libyan pilgrims had been denied entry to Saudi Arabia because they refused to be searched. The Saudis must have known that something was afoot and had taken action to prevent it. The Colonel's appeal for calm was little more than a shame-faced cover-up.

Nothing new there. At the height of the riots in Tunis last January he telephoned the Tunisian prime minister to disclaim any responsibility and to offer "help". A few days later four armed men crossed the frontier from Libya to Tunisia and sabotaged an oil pipeline.

Colonel Gaddafi is said (like some other dictators of recent history) to have considerable personal charm. He is good at confusing his enemies, his friends, and quite possibly himself. One of his present stratagems is to confuse the British public by releasing two out of six arbitrarily detained British subjects and seeking to bargain the remaining four against Libyan citizens who face very grave charges under due legal process in this country. But the memory of WPC Fletcher should help us, at least, to keep our minds clear.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Shall gannet cull get the bird?

From Mr P. J. Barlow

Sir, There are probably not many *Times* readers in Ness, so perhaps I may be allowed to say something about your report, "Call for ban on gannet cull" (September 3).

Gugas (yearling gannets) have been killed (not "culled") on Sula Sgeir by the men of Ness every September for food since time immemorial. A guga might not be to the taste of the average citizen of the People's Republic of Islington, but to the people of Ness it is just as good as the thousands of tons of steak, chicken and fish fingers your readers consume annually, the result of the killing of animals which, for all I know, may be even more cuddly and lovable than the average gannet.

In all this time the gannets of Sula Sgeir have not been and are not now in danger of extinction.

Also since time immemorial, the people of the Highlands and Islands have been subjected to the benevolent attentions of outsiders who have taken exception, always for the best of reasons, to their language, clothing, religion (or lack of it), politics, methods of agriculture and now, God help us, their food.

These philanthropists have done their work well. The region has now been homogenised, sanitised, regulated and protected pretty well to the dead level prevailing in the rest of the country and the remaining inhabitants can take their choice between emigration, the so-called "service industries", and supplementary benefit.

I wish the gallant conservationalists of Sea Shepherd all the luck they deserve. They are working in a great tradition and the future is theirs. The same cannot be said of the people of Ness, of course, but does anyone care?

Yours etc,
P. J. BARLOW,
Annandale,
Minard,
Inveraray,
Argyll.
September 3.

Strategy of deterrence

From Professor Paul Wilkinson

Sir, The intellectual dishonesty and irresponsibility of the Labour Party's new defence report, which you so lucidly exposed in your leader of August 11, is reflected once more in Ms Mary Kaldor's letter (August 29).

No one should be fooled by her phrase "defensive deterrence": what Ms Kaldor and the Labour Party advocate is unilateral nuclear disarmament by the West. They simply ignore the Soviet regime's vast and continuing build-up of nuclear missiles pointed at Western cities.

The Kremlin has repeatedly made clear that they will never unilaterally disarm. Therefore, if the West was to follow the advice of Ms Kaldor and her comrades and adopt "non-nuclear" defence it would lay us wide open to Soviet nuclear attack and blackmail. Moreover, as you Sir, have cogently argued on many occasions, it would entirely remove any incentive to the Soviet Union to reduce its huge nuclear armoury.

Ms Kaldor concludes by professing concern about "oppression in Eastern Europe". Yet she has the effrontery to condemn the West for "aggressive and threatening nuclear postures". No wonder Moscow is so delighted with Labour's so-called new defence policy: they could have written it themselves.

Yours sincerely,
PAUL WILKINSON,
University of Aberdeen,
Department of Politics,
Edward Wright Building,
Old Aberdeen.
August 31.

Liberian protest

From the Chargé d'Affaires of the Republic of Liberia (a.i.)

Sir, I wish to request a correction to your editorial, "Facilis descensus Averno" (August 30). In that editorial you reported that "troops stormed the campus" of the University of Liberia, "shooting five dead and assaulting many more".

This report is totally false as there were no deaths when the troops shot into the air to disperse protesting students.

Three persons sustained injuries from stray bullets. A preliminary report from the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare said 72 other persons who got wounded during the rush off campus were treated and discharged.

Faithfully yours,
JAMES H. STEVENS,
Chargé d'Affaires (a.i.),
Embassy of the Republic of Liberia,
21 Prince's Gate, SW7.
August 30.

Britain may make it, but not in East

From Mr William M. Cliffe

Sir, I am writing as a patriotic Englishman living abroad. I have been representing a portfolio of British manufacturers for the past two years.

It is most disturbing to experience the frustrations of poor capabilities continually displayed by British companies. When I first came abroad I held the misconception that British manufacturers were keen competition for manufacturers from other parts of the world. This certainly is not the case where exporting is concerned.

Looked at from a simple marketing model, given two suppliers with similar products, a buyer bases his decision on several factors – product, price, distribution, and promotion. The particular manufacturers I am representing certainly have strengths in their products. The goods are manufactured to very high standards and have long histories on which to establish their reputations.

Their prices are not the cheapest, but are competitive; as everybody knows, "You get what you pay for". Distribution is not a significant problem as nowadays goods can be transported across the world within a day or two.

The common weakness shared by these companies is their ignorance of, or their refusal to appreciate, the importance of promotion. Today's world is a world of plenty. If you do not supply a commodity, somebody else will! Promotion is much more than just advertising. It is also the fast response to enquiries.

So many times I have sent specifications for tenders and quotations and waited for weeks and sometimes months. The figures eventually received are frequently no more than academic. The opportunity no longer exists. I am not alone in these experiences. No matter what the product, I know others with similar difficulties.

When I first came here I heard many comments and jokes about British manufacturers' inability to supply or to meet deadlines. These comments I took sceptically. However, despite my patriotism, I find it increasingly difficult to defend the British from these criticisms. Furthermore, I am grieved to realise that this is how we are regarded by the rest of the business world.

We have the skills, the experience, and the technology to put up a better show than this. Also, improved efficiency and competition with foreign companies should do wonders to our balance of payments and, ultimately, our standard of living.

It seems to me that Britain is living in the past. Countries like Japan, Singapore and, more recently, South Korea have left Britain behind because of their willingness to adapt. The British make it apparent that adaptability is a concept for others to undertake. This attitude leads me to one conclusion: Britain does so at its own peril.

Yours sincerely,
WILLIAM M. CLIFFE,
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08-2611,
Singapore 2056,
Republic of Singapore.

The miners' dispute

From Mr W. G. Askew

Sir, If the NCB and the NUM cannot agree about the pits that should be developed or run down, why not refer the matter to a professional opinion? I mean the Institution of Mining Engineers and the Institution of Mining and Metallurgy, who certainly could be relied on to give an unbiased expert judgment, based on the experience of their members, as to what would be in accordance with the best mining engineering practice.

I do not think that their judgment would necessarily coincide with that of the NUM or the NCB.

Yours faithfully,
W. G. ASKEW,
3 Heath Hall,
High Street,
Baldock,
Hertfordshire.
September 4.

From Mr James Morrell

Sir, The sticking point in the negotiations over pit closures appears to be the definition of economic working. If production can be continued will that production be "beneficial"?

There is some logic in continuing to extract coal and presumably most of the investment in an older pit has already been written off. May I suggest that "economic" or "beneficial" production in these circumstances be defined as "value added in excess of labour costs".

Value added is a simple and unambiguous measure, ie, the excess of revenue (the value of sales) over the inputs (the value of goods and services bought in). This surplus is the measure of value added, or net input.

So long as labour's take does not exceed the value added there is, in these circumstances, a case for continuing to extract coal, even though this will entail some element of subsidy.

Yours faithfully,
JAMES MORRELL,
James Morrell Associates,
Business Forecasters,
1 Paternoster Row,
St Paul's, EC4.
August 30.

From the Director of Aims of Industry

Sir, The utter confusion at Tilbury over the voting on whether the dockers should strike illustrates clearly the importance of a secret postal ballot for strikes. And, of course, independent surveillance.

The Government has given trade unionists a right to go to a judge if they are not satisfied with the balloting procedures over the election of the leadership. But what can a trade unionist do if he believes that voting procedures over strikes are corrupt?

At the very least, the Government should introduce an appeal procedure for strikes along the lines of those they have granted – albeit under pressure – for leadership elections.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL IVENS, Director
Aims of Industry,
40 Doughty Street, WC1.
September 4.

Strength of leadership

From Mr K. R. Hodgson

Sir, A statement by the Prime Minister of Singapore a few years ago is relevant to the present serious situation in this country:

Put simply, who will educate a younger generation of union leaders to recognise their strengths and their limits: namely that if the union leadership challenges the political leadership, political leaders must triumph, if necessary by changing the ground rules to thwart the challenge, using legislative and administrative powers and, when necessary, backed by the mandate of the electorate. If this axiom is put to the test, severe damage will result: but given strong political leaders, the outcome cannot be in doubt.

Fortunately we have a strong political leader, but my anxiety is whether Mrs Thatcher will receive the necessary support from those around her, the media and the public to enable her to defeat what is now an open assault on the very fabric of our democracy.

K. R. HODGSON,
4 North Park,
Gerrards Cross,
Buckinghamshire.
August 31.

Child benefit

From Mrs Anna Knowles

Sir, I pay my taxes, which pay Mrs Gribbin's child benefit for having all the little Gribbins. Why does Mr Gribbin (September 3) claim that this hard-earned (by me and Mrs G) cash constitutes 25 per cent of *his* income?

Yours faithfully,
ANNA KNOWLES,
33 Thorley Hill,
Bishop's Stortford,
Hertfordshire.
September 3.

From Mr Lawrence J. Linehan

Sir, Sadly, Mr W. T. Gribbin (September 3) is not alone in believing that it is the job of the state to help him finance the cost of his eight children, but to answer his question, the Tories are probably trying to conserve what is left of personal freedom and they may also be hoping to resurrect a sense of personal pride among the people.

This could mean that, while Mr Gribbin may remain free to procreate to his heart's content, others should be free to keep his hand out of their pockets. Quite why childless people should be compelled to support those with young families, or the poor make allowances to the wealthy, can only be explained by the power of socialist propaganda to addle people's brains.

The conflict splitting our country, and many other countries too, is between those of a socialist tendency and the rest of us and when teachers fail to realise that the "state" consists of people and that the demands being made of them are unjust and undesirable, it can hardly be doubted that millions of school children are currently being conditioned to launch themselves into adulthood with a string of demands to be financed by the few who alone create whatever wealth we may have.

Apart from maintaining an adequate and efficient social service for the unfortunate, the state should provide no more than is widely required and which cannot be provided more economically by any other means.

Yours faithfully,
LAWRENCE LINEHAN,
17 Ossian Road, N4.
September 4.

Soviet sea power

From Professor Colonel G. I. A. D. Draper

Sir, Mrs Young (August 25) tells your readers that " . . . an international arms control agreement, the Montreux Convention of 1937, prohibits the passage of aircraft carriers throught the straits from the Black Sea into the Mediterranean." I think she must be referring to the *Montreux Convention of 1936*, as the 1937 one dealt with the abolition of capitulations, a slightly different topic.

It is more than doubtful whether the Convention of 1936 does prohibit the passage of Black Sea Powers' aircraft carriers through the Turkish straits in time of peace. Article 11 of the Convention allows the passage of Black Sea Powers' "capital ships" through those straits without limitation of tonnage, if the Turkish Government be notified, they pass in transit singly, and are not escorted by more than two torpedo boats.

"Capital ships" are so defined in the Convention as to exclude "aircraft carriers' which, in turn, are also defined therein. According to *Jane's Fighting Ships, 1975-76*, the USSR warship, the Kiev, is *not* an aircraft carrier.

Even if the Kiev were an aircraft carrier, the fact that she does not fall within article 11 does not have the necessary consequence that she cannot pass through the straits in time of peace. By article 1 of the Convention, to which the UK and the USSR are both parties, all the parties "recognize and affirm the principle of freedom of transit and navigation by sea in the straits". It may well be contended that the Kiev falls within the ambit of this general principle, even if it be not a "capital ship".

The Black Sea has been an "open sea" since 1774. The former claims of Turkey that its consent was required for the transit passage of all ships through the straits dates from a period when the Black Sea was a closed Turkish sea, from about 1453. Today such claims would be hard to establish in law.

The Montreux Convention of 1936 was much more than a "arms control agreement". It removed the former restrictions imposed on Turkey in 1923 as to its fortification of the straits. It allowed a rough balance between Black Sea Powers seeking passage for their vessels into the Mediterranean, and for non-Black Sea Powers seeking the same passage into the Black Sea.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
G. I. A. D. DRAPER,
16 Southover High Street,
Lewes,
Sussex.
August 29.

Handwriting in a state of decline

From Mr Robert Purves

Sir, Unlike Sir Patrick Nairne (August 25), I find it not at all puzzling that Sir Roy Strong seems to have found the italic script inadequate. He is in good historical company: he has simply reached the same conclusion as hundreds of educated Englishmen many years ago. For all its beauty and clarity, the italic script, if properly executed, was too slow for everyday use and was best kept for formal and diplomatic documents.

Despite august patronage from the Tudor monarchs, and the brilliant teaching of Roger Ascham, italic failed – after a brave start – to displace the old secretary hand for informal communications. The best that italic could do was to survive as a curious calligraphic compromise: by Stuart times, the literate elite (including Charles I) was using a hand which usually exhibited italic forms (which made for clarity) written with a sharp-pointed secretary quill (which made for speed), and the result was a hand which, written quickly, took on curves, loops and rounded corners.

This eminently practical English round-hand was refined and disseminated by the eighteenth-century writing masters, such as Bickham, by use of books engraved from copper plates, and for two centuries this elegant hand became the universally-accepted writing for everyday communication and commerce.

The extraordinary success of this "copperplate" hand, after italic had been well tried and found wanting, is a fact which many italicists are careful to ignore.

Perhaps the time has come for schools to reassess and teach other hands, especially copperplate – although a sad and ironic side-effect of the italicists' crusade is that there seems to be no one able to teach that hand nowadays!

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT F. PURVES,
22 Milner Street, SW3.
August 29.

Liberation theology

From Sir John Biggs-Davison, MP for Epping Forest (Conservative)

Sir, Some letters to you on the Pope's condemnation of "liberation theology" misrepresent his views. No Pope has suggested that the Church should be confined to the sacristy, as insinuated by Canon Wilkinson (September 4) with his quotation of Goebbels. Successive encyclicals on the Catholic Church's social teaching have assailed both Marxist and other totalitarian systems and irresponsible capitalism.

The present and previous Popes have insisted on the vocation of lay people to political action. But priests (who are few enough) have their special role and it should be noted that, although the Church in Poland supports the principles of Solidarity, Cardinal Glemp transferred a priest who was politically active in its cause.

I remain, Sir, your most obedient servant,
JOHN BIGGS-DAVISON,
House of Commons.
September 4.

From General Sir David Fraser

Sir, It seems singularly unhelpful to the debate about "liberation theology" for Canon Wilkinson (September 4) to quote, inevitably out of context, a sentence from a speech by Hitler in 1933 and one from an article by Goebbels in 1935 – each, on the face of it, perfectly sensible but each, as we know, ultimately associated with an odious policy.

It proves nothing that superficially sound opinions can here and there be found among the sayings or writings of bad men. The defenders of "liberation theology" will have to do better than that: I do not think many of us will see a close analogy between the Nazis' persecution of the churches and the Vatican's reported attempts at disciplining certain elements among the priesthood.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID FRASER,
Vallenders,
Isington,
Alton,
Hampshire.
September 4.

Readier reckoning

From Mrs Elizabeth Douglas

Sir, Mr Lee (August 29) has not realised that even where we have gone metric we are still out on a limb. Knitting patterns are all metric nowadays and modern knitting needles are numbered in metric sizes, which makes life hard for those of us who started to knit 30 or 40 years ago.

Recently I thought I would try a French knitting pattern: once I had got the wool sorted out, there could, I knew, be no difficulty about needle sizes. Then I discovered that the French pattern told me to use "*les aiguilles numéros* 3 et 3½," and that British metric knitting needles come in sizes 3, 3.25 and 3.75. No size 3½, not even 3.5.

So much for going metric to be in line with the Continent!

Yours faithfully,
ELIZABETH DOUGLAS,
Austen Croft,
31 Austen Road,
Guildford,
Surrey.
August 29.

Vacancy on Sinai

From Lord Mishcon

Sir, Is it sheer coincidence that on the front page of today's issue (September 4) the headline, "Peres persists", is followed by one of "Call for Moses"?

Yours faithfully,
VICTOR MISHCON,
As from: House of Lords,
September 4.

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BALMORAL CASTLE
September 5: By command of The Queen, the Lord Skelmersdale (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London, this afternoon upon the arrival of The King and Queen of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and welcomed Their Majesties on behalf of Her Majesty.

The Duke of Edinburgh was represented by the Hon Richard Beaumont at the Memorial Service for Mr C. H. Lawrence which was held at the Grosvenor Chapel, South Audley Street, London, W1, this morning.

Lady Susan Hussey has succeeded the Hon Mary Morrison as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

KENSINGTON PALACE
September 5: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester and the Duke of Gloucester were represented by Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Simon Bland at the Memorial Service for Mr C. H. Lawrence which was held at the Grosvenor Chapel, South Audley Street, London, W1, this morning.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
September 5: The Duke of Kent was represented by Sir Richard Buckley at the Memorial Service for Mr C. H. Lawrence which was held at the Grosvenor Chapel, South Audley Street, London W1, this morning.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
September 5: Princess Alexandra was represented by the Hon Mrs Richard Beaumont at the Memorial Service for Mr C. H. Lawrence which was held at the Grosvenor Chapel, South Audley Street, London, W1, this morning.

The Diplomatic Service Wives Association was represented by Lady Greenhill of Harrow at Lady Johnston's funeral held on Tuesday.

Forthcoming marriages

The Hon A. L. C. Monckton and Miss P. S. Wingfield
The engagement is announced between Anthony Monckton, 9th/12th Royal Lancers (Prince of Wales's), youngest son of Major-General Viscount and Viscountess Monckton of Brenchley, of Maidstone, Kent, and Philippa, younger daughter of the late Mr G. C. B. Wingfield and Mrs D. H. B. Neal, of Woodbridge, Suffolk.

Mr J. M. Shirley and Miss C. V. Bartleet
The engagement is announced between John, only son of the late Rev M. F. J. Shirley and of Mrs Shirley, of Oxford, and Claire, elder daughter of the Bishop of Tonbridge and Mrs Bartleet, of Bishop's Lodge, Sevenoaks.

Mr P. J. S. Allen and Miss E. C. R. Deakin
The engagement is announced between Patrick, youngest son of the late Mr Graham Allen and Mrs Allen, of East Hall Farm, Langham, Norfolk, and Edwina, daughter of the late Mr Edward Deakin and Mrs John Rippingall, of Elmdon Bury, Saffron Walden, Essex.

Mr A. N. Artus and Miss J. Cragie
The engagement is announced between Alan, second son of Mr and Mrs R. E. Artus, of Lidde Hill Farm, Henfield, West Sussex, and Jane, only daughter of Mr and Mrs R. A. Cragie, of Tower House, Alnham, Northumberland.

Mr M. Huleatt-James and Miss V. M. King
The engagement is announced between Mark, elder son of Mr and Mrs Thomas Huleatt-James, of Woofferton, Shropshire, and Vivien Margaret, daughter of the late Denis King and Mrs Yvonne King, of Micheldever, Hampshire.

Mr R. L. Larthe and Miss C. A. G. McGregor
The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs L.P. Larthe, of Brimpsfield Park, Gloucestershire, and Catriona (Prune), younger daughter of Major and Mrs I. S. McGregor, of Haywards Farmhouse, Sutton Wick, Abingdon, Oxfordshire.

Mr S. R. Braham and Miss A. S. Crossman
The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr & Mrs Roger Braham, of The Holdens, Much Hadham, Hertfordshire, and Amanda, daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Crossman, of Bepton Lodge, Midhurst, West Sussex.

Dr J. K. Cruickshank and Dr E. M. Andrew
The engagement is announced between John Kennedy, elder son of Professor E. K. Cruickshank, of Oare, Wiltshire, and Mrs P. R. Harvey, of Jamaica, and Elizabeth Mary, younger daughter of the late Mr James Andrew and of Mrs A. Andrew, of Forest Row, Sussex.

Mr D. Laurie Miss R. Tear
The engagement is announced between Daniel, elder son of Mr Richard Laurie, of Putney, and Mrs Susan Laurie, of Barnes, and Rebecca, elder daughter of Mr & Mrs. Robert Tear, of Ravenscourt Square, Hammersmith.

Mr. N. F. W. Longford and Miss E. M. Phillips
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, younger son of Canon and Mrs E. de T. W. Longford, of Gamlingay Rectory, Sandy, Beds, and Elizabeth, younger daughter of Dr and Mrs E. H. D. Phillips, of Herne Cottage, Sands, Farnham, Surrey.

Mr B. MacFarlane and Miss A. C. Allen
The engagement is announced between Benjamin, son of the late Craig MacFarlane and of Mrs Craig MacFarlane, of Ormonde Gate, Chelsea, and Ailsa Catherine, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Allen, of Hodges, Five Ashes, Mayfield, Sussex.

Colonel M. A. P. Mitchell and Miss S. B. M. Edward
The engagement is announced between Michael Mitchell, of Long Sutton, Hampshire, and Susan, eldest daughter of Mrs Beryl Edward, of Bagden Hall, Scissett, Yorkshire, and the late Mr George S. M. Edwards.

Mr J. R. Phillips and Miss S. E. Rees
The engagement is announced between Ross, elder son of Mr and Mrs K. J. S. Phillips, of Alisky House, Crickhowell, Powys, and Siân, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J. L. Rees, of Forest Hill, Gilwern, Gwent.

Mr C. D. G. Ross and Miss J. A. Watts
The engagement is announced between Callum, youngest son of Mr and Mrs A. A. Ross, of Orchard House, Downside, Epsom, Surrey, and Jane Watts, of St Dogmaels, Cardigan, Dyfed.

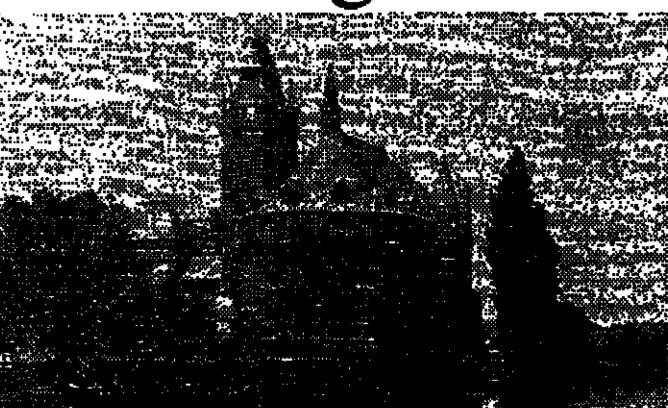
Mr G. N. L. Swan and Miss J. A. Currier
The engagement is announced between Neil, younger son of the late Mr N. S. Swan and of Mrs N. R. Swan, of Edinburgh, and Judith, second daughter of Mr and Mrs R. W. Currier, of Brenchley, Kent.

Mr S. R. Tullah and Miss L. A. Willetts
The marriage will take place on September 8, 1984, between Stuart Richard, younger son of Mr and Mrs Sheri Tullah, of Sutton Coldfield, and Lesley Ann, daughter of Mr and Mrs Malcolm Willetts, also of Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands.

Dr A. A. L. White and Miss A. Brewis
The engagement is announced between Anthony, younger son of the late Mr J White and Mr S. Aarons and stepson of Mr S Aarons, of Dulwich, London, and Anne, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs T. A. Brewis, of East Boldon, Tyne and Wear.

Mr H. S. Wolley and Miss M. A. Axon
The engagement is announced between Hugh, elder son of Mr P. M. Wolley, of Cheltenham, and Mrs J. H. Wolley, of Four Elms, Kent, and Mary, only daughter of Dr P. E. Axon, CBE, and Mrs Axon, of Wargrave, Berkshire.

Stage set for new theatre





The Royal Shakespeare Company is planning a new theatre at Stratford-on-Avon. It will be built within the shell of the original Memorial Theatre, destroyed by fire in 1926.

The 430-seat auditorium will enable the company to perform a large repertoire of neglected plays by Shakespeare's contemporaries and dramatists he influenced in the period 1570-1750. It is due to open in the spring of 1986.

An anonymous benefactor will pay for the whole project, including temporary rehearsal facilities and consultants' fees. Running costs will be met from box office receipts.

Mr Michael Reardon, its architext, said that he hoped a contract for the work would be let early next year. His design will be submitted for planning permission and listed building consent next week. The contract price will be more than £1.5m.

The new theatre, called the Swan after the RSC's emblem, will bridge the gap between the 1,500-seat Royal Shakespeare Theatre and the 150-seat Other Place. In 1978 the company were given permission to build a previous design but work was not started because of lack of funds.

The shell of the former Memorial Theatre is used for rehearsals and is called the Conference Hall. Mr Reardon's design has a large apron stage surrounded by three tiers of seats on three sides, ideally suited to Jacobean drama.

His design for the roof of the new building recalls the original outline of the first theatre. A new rehearsal room will be created in the roof space, above the new auditorium. The materials will be laminated timber, steel connectors and exposed brick.

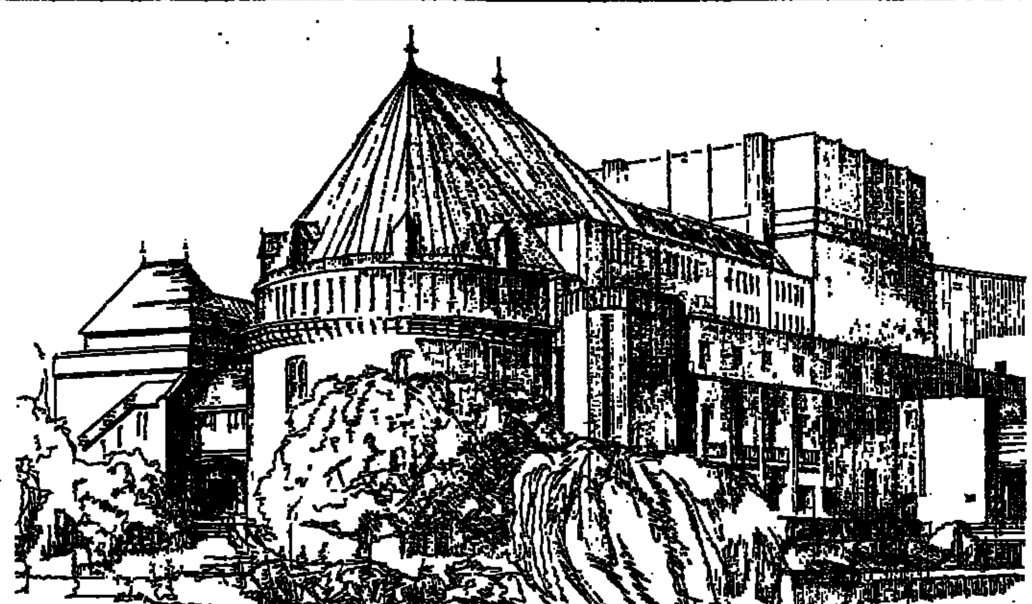
The details have been influenced by Elizabeth Scott's 1928 competition-winning design for the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre, with its decorative brickwork, Mr Reardon said.

Trevor Nunn, joint artistic director, said yesterday: "Stratford audiences will be able to see the whole range of our national drama that influenced Shakespeare and which he directly influenced."

Sir Kenneth Cork, chairman of the board of governors, said: "The theatre will provide an excellent thrust stage which will lend itself well to the presentation of medium-scale productions of plays of all periods. We are grateful beyond measure to the benefactor who has turned this new enterprise into a reality."

There will be a small increase in the acting company. Initially the season will run from April to October, leaving the winter months free for concerts, visiting theatre companies and use by local groups. Ticket prices for the Swan are likely to be between those at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre and the Other Place.

Charles Knevitt
Architecture Correspondent



The original Shakespeare Memorial Theatre (top left) destroyed by fire in 1926, the Conference Hall and theatre as it is today (top right), and the architect's drawing of how the new complex would look.

University news

Aberdeen
Dr D. A. Alexander, senior lecturer, department of mental health, and Professor Sir John Butterfield, regius professor of physic, and Mr Richard Wakeford, senior research associate, both of the clinical school, Cambridge University, have been awarded a grant of £20,000 from the Alcohol Education and Research Council for the first of a proposed three-year study of the development of the attitudes of different groups of students towards alcohol and alcohol abuse.

The work will be carried out in Aberdeen, London, and Cambridge.

Leeds
Dr Alan Watson, reader in particle cosmic physics, has been appointed professor of physics from August 1. Dr Watson's research field is in high energy astrophysics.

Dr Alan Watson: chair at Leeds

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:
Mr T. A. W. Lloyd to be standing junior counsel to the Treasury in *bona vacantia* matters.
Mr William George to be one of the standing junior counsel to the Treasury in charity matters in Liverpool.
Mr Mark Hodges to be a special assistant to Mr Richard Pulford, the Arts Council's Deputy Secretary General.
Miss Jenny Slack to be executive director of Kent Opera from November 12.
The following Metropolitan Police officers to be promoted to the rank of Commander:
Det Chief Supt R. A. Dowling; Chief Superintendant G. R. Lloyd; Chief Superintendant N. J. Gough; Chief Superintendant N. J. Sullivan; Chief Superintendant R. C. Marsh; Det Chief Superintendant W. E. E. Boreham; Detective Chief Superintendant N. R. Campbell; and Chief Superintendant K. W. Masterson, Royal Ulster Constabulary.

£145,000 appeal to save Jacobite silver relic

By David Nicholson-Lord

A £145,000 appeal is to be launched this week to keep in Britain a silver canteen made for Bonnie Prince Charlie. The canteen is described as the most important Jacobitte relic known to experts.

A price of £175,000 has been agreed for it by a American buyer, but the export licence has been delayed until November 9, after a plea by the National Museum of Antiquities of Scotland to the expert review committee.

The exporter has agreed to sell the canteen to the museum for £145,000.

The appeal will be launched on Friday by Mr Tom Fleming, the broadcaster, after which the canteen will go on display in the museum. It was made in 1740-41, probably as a twenty-first birthday present for the prince, and has an elaborate outer case described as one of the finest examples of Scottish rococo silver work in existence.

According to tradition, it fell into the hands of the Duke of Cumberland after the Battle of Culloden in 1746.

Memorial service

Mr C. H. Lawrence
The Duke of Edinburgh was represented by the Hon Richard Beaumont, Chairman of James Purdey and Sons, and Upper Warden of the Gunmakers' Company, at a memorial service for Mr Charles Harry Lawrence held in the Grosvenor Chapel, South Audley Street, yesterday.

Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester and the Duke of Gloucester were represented by Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Simon Bland, the Duke of Kent by Lieutenant-Commander Sir Richard Buckley and Princess Alexandra by the Hon Mrs Richard Beaumont. The Rev W. M. Atkins officiated, assisted by the Rev Dr A. W. Marks. Captain B. J. P. Mew read the lesson and Mr Lawrence Salter, nephew, also took part. Among others present were:

Miss Pamela Lawrence and Miss Audrey Lawrence (daughters), Mrs L Hemmings (sister), Mr Robert Hemmings, Mr Harry Ward, Mrs D Ven, Mr and Mrs Michael Flynn, Mrs Lawrence Salter, Miss Frances Salter, Miss Gillian Salter, Miss Pauline Salter, Mr Carl Lawrence, Miss P Fincham.

Mary Lady Seely, Sir Arthur Collins and Mr Nigel Beaumont (directors, James Purdey and Sons); Mr B Leigh Windsor (master, Gunmakers' Company) with Major J O K Purdey (renter-warden) and Mrs Purdey; Dr Conrad Swan (York Herald of Arms), Mr Basil Greenwell, Major David Back, Miss E G Mitchell, Mr Jack Stevens, Mr C F Long, Mr A Wood (Eley Ammunition).

Mr Christopher Brunker (prof master, Birmingham), Mr P G Shillington (representing the chairman, Nickerson Group), Mr Andrew McMillan, Mr F T N Gallyon, Mr and Mrs W Keith Neal, Mr W Titley (Dearden Farrow), Mr William Haggard, Mr G A Brookes (Holland and Holland), Mr and Mrs W P Peters, Mr Malcolm Lyell, Mr J C Teyssier, Mr L Roworth, Mr and Mrs J B Phillipson, Mrs M Gadsby, Mr A Lokatis (Boss and Company), Mr and Mrs E Warner, Mr R W Cornfield and Mr J Le Breton.

Latest wills

Professor Sir David Evans, FRS, of Rhos-on-Sea, Clwyd, the microbiologist, left estate valued at £9,387 net.
Mrs Honora Brown, of Marlow, Buckinghamshire, left estate value at £1,078,745 net.
Estella Lilian Leak, of Bournemouth, left estate valued at £164,030 net. She left bequests of effects and personal legacies totalling £200, and the residue to Guy's Hospital, London.

Sir Arthur Percival Hay Aitken, of Aldeburgh, Suffolk, former chairman of Textile Machinery Makers, deputy chairman of Stone-Platt Industries, and a director of several insurance companies, who was on the board of the Commonwealth Development Corporation from 1960-69 and was chairman of the British National Export Council's Australia committee, from 1966-69 left estate valued at £75,008 net.

Professor Sir Roy George Douglas Allen, of Westminster, professor of statistics at the London School of Economics, 1944-73, left £178,746 net.

Mrs Frances Hanbury Park, of Darlington, co Durham, left estate valued at £630,233 net.

Mr Ernest Frank, of Yarm, Cleveland, left estate valued at £945,000 net.

Other estates include (net before tax paid):
Clarke, Mr William George, of St Leonards on Sea, East Sussex £225,100.
Doidge, Mr John, of Tavistock, Devon .... £323,011.
Tullock, Mr Edward, of Sale, Greater Manchester £209,741
Scott, Mr David Morton, of Comberton, Cambridgeshire £334,576

Birthdays today

The Right Rev John Bickersteth, 63; Sir Derman Christopherson, 69; Major-General L. T. Furnivall, 77; General Sir Peter Hellings, 68; Mr Roger Knight, 38; Miss Monica Mason, 43; Mr Justice Pain, 71; Lieutenant-General Sir John Read, 67; Sir James Stubblefield, 83; Miss J. A. Tredgold, 81; Sir Anthony Wagner, 76; Mr J. R. C. Young, 47; Sir William McEwan Younger, 79.

Trent College

Michaelmas Term begins at Trent College today with 584 pupils, of whom nearly 200 are in sixth form, including 52 girls. The head of school is Ian Cooper and the captain of rugby is Andrew Smith. Holiday building works have included the total modernization of Shuker House. The careers convention is to be November 8, the Michaelmas concert on November 16 and 18, and *She Stoops to Conquer* on December 12, 13 and 14. Term ends with the carol services on Saturday, December 15.

Dinner

HM Government
Mr David Trippier, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Industry, was host at a dinner held last night at Butchers' Hall in honour of delegates attending a conference of overseas government printers.

Service dinner

TA & VR Association for Greater London
The Territorial and Volunteer Reserve Association for Greater London held a dinner last night at the Duke of York's Headquarters, Chelsea. Baroness Phillips, Lord Lieutenant for Greater London and president of the association, presided. Among those present were:
Lieutenant-General Sir John Akehurst, Lieutenant-General Sir David Scott-Barrett, Colonel J W G Pirie, Colonel H L Daniel, Mrs S Parkinson, Mr M Reynolds, Mr A Marshall and officers commanding TA units.

Church news

Church in Wales
Mr David McIntyre has been appointed Secretarty General of the Church in Wales. He will take up his appointment early next year. For the past two years he has been on secondment to the Church Commissioners.
Church Army
The Rev Michael Rees will be commissioned by the Archbishop of Canterbury as Chief Secretary of the Church Army on September 13 during a service at Southwark Cathedral, London.

Science report

Mixing the lethal cardiac cocktail

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

Circumstantial evidence has been mounting over the past decade implicating stress as an important cause of heart attacks. But the physiological proof that the source of a particular heart condition may be psychological in nature is harder to come by.

And yet William Harvey, the physician who discovered that the blood flowed constantly through the body, suggested 350 years ago that agitation of the mind caused by either pain or pleasure, hope or fear, might influence the heart.

It is only in the past 20 years that the idea has be subjected to systematic scientific inquiry, when it was recognized that many people suffering cardiac death had no signs of acute damage to the heart muscle.

The concept of the specific personality type who might be deemed "coronary prone", or the sort of person who exhibited what is more popularly regarded as type A behaviour, emerged.

The classic type A individual is "beset with internal fury and living in a state of relentless, joyless striving". Among others, it describes the aggressive, ambitious businessman who never relaxes.

Subsequent studies indicated other factors of the daily environment that may have some bearing on coronary disease. High levels of mortality have been found in impoverished areas among men of low education attainment and little money.

An extensive survey of civil servants in the United Kingdom published three years ago observed an inverse relation between social class and heart disease. In addition to perceived job dissatisfaction, so-called loss of autonomy appeared to create a "high stress-no exit" condition. In other words, individuals were unable to release the tension building inside them.

Similarly, high rates of cardiac death have been reported among workers frustrated by the occupational paradox of considerable demands but little or no latitude in decision making.

In the current issue of the *New England Medical Journal of Medicine* these studies are described by Dr Thomas Graboys, of Harvard University, as complementing "the concept of type A personality but formulated on an Orwellian recipe in which the estranged worker, besieged from above and below, mixes internal rage and incessant frustration into a fatal brew".

However, a definitive link between psychological cause and physiological effect has remained elusive. Hence, considerable excitement has been generated by the report in the journal to substantiate the notion of a causal role for "biobehavioural stress" om cardiac death.

The evidence comes from an inquiry among 2,320 men who, after surviving acute heart attack, were participants in a project known as the beta-blocker heart attack trial. The study showed that the risk of death over a period of three years after entering the treatment was related to high levels of life stress and to relatively high levels of social isolation.

The strength of type A behaviour pattern did not show any influence on mortality. But the paper suggests the train of events, from the excess stimulation of a neurochemical in the brain under stress, which ends with the blocking of heart beats.

Source: *New England Journal of Medicine* August 30, 1984.

OBITUARY

MR ADAM MALIK

Prominent Indonesian statesman

Mr Adam Malik, who died in Bandung on September 5 at the age of 67, was Foreign Minister of Indonesia from 1966 to 1977, and played an active part in his country's affairs for many years.

Adam Malik's political career spanned the rise and fulfilment of Indonesian nationalism. He was born in Pematang Siantar, Northern Sumatra, on July 22, 1917. His early interest in journalism and sense of ambition were displayed in 1937 when he founded the Antara press agency in the then Dutch capital Batavia which, after independence, became the national news agency.

At the end of the Pacific War, he was a leading member of a group of youthful militant nationalists who objected to Sukarno and Hatta proclaiming a Republic under Japanese auspices. To this end, he was party to an abortive kidnapping of the nationalist leaders. After the proclamation of Indonesia's independence in August 1945, Malik's left-wing militancy expressed itself in opposition to the government of socialist leader Sutan Sjahrir. In 1946, he was involved in a plot to kidnap the Prime Minister and as a consequence, was imprisoned by the nationalist leadership until late 1948.

Malik's militant record and subsequent founder membership of the left-wing Titoist Murba Party excluded him from a significant political role during the period of parliamentary democracy. From October 1959 until July 1963, however, he served as Indonesia's Ambassador to the Soviet Union. On his return to Jakarta, he told the American Ambassador "If I had ever been inclined towards Communism, my service in the Soviet Union would have convinced me that this was not the path that Indonesia should follow".

In November 1963, Malik was appointed Minister of Trade but subsequently became disenchanted with the policies of President Sukarno and alarmed at the growing influence of Indonesia's Communist Party. His opposition to Sukarno became well known and when in March 1966, in the wake of an abortive coup, General Suharto assumed executive authority, Adam Malik was appointed Foreign Minister.

He was an appropriate choice to indicate civilian participation in a military-dominated administration and to repair relationships with the western world to which Indonesia looked for economic assistance. He played an important role in promoting reconciliation with Malaysia and in founding the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN). He held the office of Foreign Minister continuously until 1977 and served for a term as President of the United Nations' General Assembly.

After a brief period as Speaker of Indonesia's People's Consultative Assembly, he was elected vice-President of the Republic in March 1978. He held that office for five years until retiring from public life. He then played a leading part in the campaign for improved human rights in Indonesia, and an end to summary executions by death squads.

Adam Malik was, in many respects, a political survivor and an accomodating man for all seasons but he also displayed a measure of independent thought which he employed to ensure that his country's traditional independent and active foreign policy should not be too conspicuously compromised by its ruling military establishment.

He is survived by his wife and five children.

RIGHT REV FRANCIS MONCREIFF

The Right Rev Francis Hamilton Moncreiff Bishop of Glasgow and Galloway from 1952 to 1974 and Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church from 1962 to 1974, died on September 3 at the age of 77.

After leaving Shrewsbury he went up to St John's College, Cambridge in 1924. As an undergraduate he was drawn to the Catholic tradition of Anglican life and worship, and after living for a time at Liddon House in London he went to Cuddesdon to train for ordination.

When he returned to Cambridge as Curate of St Giles in 1930 the characteristics what were to mark his ministry were soon apparent. Tall, lean, and rather forbidding in countenance (he might have stepped out of an El Greco painting) he led a highly disciplined life as a priest. His austere appearance was in fact deceptive. He was the most affectionate of men, possessed of a lively though somewhat sardonic humour.

From Cambridge he moved to St Augustines's, Kilburn. There he remained as senior curate until well into the war, declining offers of preferment from Archbishop Lang. In 1941 he was invited to work in his native Scotland, and was appointed curate in charge at St Salvadors, a new church on an Edinburgh housing estate.

His gifts as a parish missioner, evident in Scotland and in a series of missions which he conducted in Northern Rhodesia and South Africa led to his appointment as Edinburgh Diocesan Missioner in 1951 but within a year he was elected Bishop of Glasgow and Galloway.

Francis Moncreiff was an outstanding pastoral bishop. A fine preacher he spoke fluently, with a strong and appealing delivery, and with scarcely a note. His deep spirituality shone through his well pondered themes, for his preaching arose naturally from his prayer and meditation. If "he spoke with authority" it was because he felt deeply his complete accountability to God in all that he said and did. This was the secret that made him a great counsellor to his priests and to lay people.

In 1962 his election as Primus, or presiding bishop, revealed the high regard in which he was held.

During the 1960s the episcopal church started to move away from a rather traditional Anglo-Catholic stance. Various influences combined to give the church a wider base and vision: the growth of ecumenism, the reforms of the Vatican Council, the ferment in theology symbolized by *Honest to God*, and liturgical renewal.

Although Moncreiff was not a passionate ecumenist or a theological innovator, for he took a long view of church history, he guided the church steadily and patiently through the period of change. He proved to be a careful and fairminded chairman of the representative church council and even if he did not relish its proceedings he handled its affairs skilfully. Glasgow University honoured him with a DD in 1967.

Following his retirement in 1974 he returned to Edinburgh where he continued to be much in demand as a preacher and spiritual counsellor.

MR RALPH HOLMES

Ralph Holmes, who died yeterday, was one of the most musical and sympathetic violinists of his generation. Though he lacked the forcefulnes of temperament to make a dominating impression in a world not short of major violin virtuoso, his performances both in chamber music and as concert soloist were always marked with a quiet sympathy with the music and a skill in expounding work in a wide variety of styles.

Born in 1937, Holmes first studied at the Royal Academy of Music with David Martin, from whom he acquired a feeling of ensemble playing, before seeking out two of the greatest teachers of the day – Menuhin's teacher, Georges Enescu in Paris, and in New York the renowned mentor of Itzhak Perlman and Pincas Zukerman, Ivan Galamian. Perhaps it was from Galamian that he acquired the elegance and sweetness of tone that was a mark of his playing, enhanced by his use of a fine Stradivarius of 1736.

Holmes made his debut in 1951, aged 13, in an Ernest Read Children's concert, and went on to win prizes at competitions in Paris in 1957 and Bucharest in 1958. He made his American debut under Barbirolli in New York in 1966.

Though established as a popular and successful concerto soloist, he preferred to diversify his musical activities; and in spite of many invitations that took him on world wide tours, he was perhaps at his most characteristic working as soloist-conductor with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and the London Mozart Players or leading the trio he formed with Anthony Goldstone and Moray Welsh.

He was also a notable champion of the lesser known areas of the 20th century repertory being associated with concertos by Barber, Bennett and Delius as well as modern classics such as the concertos of Bartok, Berg, Walton and Shostakovich.

His records embrace a fine set of performances of Delius's sonatas with Eric Fenby and an enterprising group of works by Hamilton Harty.

MRS MILDRED BLANDY

A correspondent writes:
The death of Mrs Mildred Blandy at the age of 79 in Madeira on August 28 deprives the small community of old British and Anglo-Portuguese families on the island of one of its most dutiful members.

As wife of the late Graham Blandy, the former head of the mercantile family firm, she provided tireless hospitality to notable visitors, many passing on their way to the Cape, and to Royal Navy ships. She also did much to support the English church in Funchal.

Her great achievement was to develop the Quinta do Palheiro gardens with plants and trees from all over the world, attracting hosts of garden lovers. A ramble through those magical camellia walks and scented paths gave added lustre to many a visitor's stay on the island.

Sir George Nairn, 3rd Bt, TD, who died on September 2 at the age of 73 was chairman of Michael Nairn & Greenwich Ltd, 1958-62, and of Nairn Williamson (Holdings) Ltd, (1962-70).

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THE TIMES
FINANCE AND INDUSTRY
Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

No time for Bank of England heroics

With the pound touching new lows against the dollar, a miners' and dockers' strike and money market rates edging up, it is tempting to recall the traumas of July which precipitated a sharp rise in interest rates, and only partly reversed since.

In truth, the differences between now and July are more striking than the similarities however superficially attractive the comparison. In contrast to July, domestic markets are now reasonably relaxed about monetary policy. The August banking figures provided further confirmation that monetary growth is back on course and there is now a greater predisposition to accept the Government's argument about the front-end loading of public borrowing this financial year.

Another important difference from July is that the pound's weakness is now more obvious due to dollar strength. There is not the same air of crisis in the markets and the absence of worries about oil prices is one important reason for this.

That is not to say that the coal and dock disputes are irrelevant. Foreigners will be feeding on traditional conceptions about strife-torn Britain and will be keenly aware that there is little mileage in holding pounds at the moment. But yesterday at least, sterling held reasonably steady against Continental currencies and despite losing another cent to $1.2815 against the dollar, closed only 0.1 off at 77.7 on its trade-weighted index.

The next move down in interest rates has been delayed and this has been reflected in the markets by the changing shape of the yield curve. With a few exceptions, the change in sentiment has been one of subsiding optimism rather than gathering gloom and the money markets have not swung round to the view that the next move in interest rates will be upwards.

However, if the pressure from the United States intensify or the labour troubles take a turn for the worse, undermining sterling in its own right, there is a danger that the markets might recall the events of July and remember that it resists the market at its peril. Arguably the Bank of England's behaviour in July led ultimately to a sharper rise in interest rates than would have been necessary if it had responded more readily to what the market was saying.

Maxwell dares as Marwan wins £9m

Mr Robert Maxwell simply cannot stay out of the news these days. If he is not trying – unsuccessfully so far – to give away £1m, he pops up with an attempt – unsuccessful, so far – to end the miners' strike. Yesterday, back on more familiar territory, he sent his brokers into the stock market to buy a line of 4.5m Fleet Holdings shares which had suddenly come on offer.

That takes Mr Maxwell's stake in Fleet, publisher of the *Daily Express* and *Sunday Express* and *Daily Star*, up to 15.54 per cent and clearly gives him a significant say in the future of that company. *It is important to add that it does not amount to a "controlling interest" as defined by the Department of Trade and Industry.* As far as the DTI is concerned, that starts at 25 per cent for the highly sensitive newspaper industry.

Nevertheless, Mr Maxwell has achieved one considerable tactical stroke. The 4.5 million shares were previously held by the shadowy Dr Ashraf Marwan, who is thereby ruled out as a potential bidder for Fleet. Only last week Dr Marwan, a son-in-law of Egypt's late President Nasser, said he might bid if no one else did. But then, he was also trying to talk the price up to 250p against the 200p he has settled for.

As Dr Marwan was the initiator of the deal, it appears that Mr Maxwell was doing no more than taking advantage of a tactical opportunity while the going was good. Further purchases of Fleet shares are not ruled out. *He may find it attractive to build the stake to 20 per cent or more, at which point he could make a serious case for being given a seat in the Fleet boardroom.* Lord Matthews, the chairman of Fleet, could be counted upon to resist such a proposal. Meawhile, Mr Maxwell is in a fairly strong position to block any other bidders who are not to his taste. And he might not be above a little variation on the American "greenmail" theme if the *Daily Star* should threaten to get in the way of his heartfelt ambition to drive his newly-bought *Daily Mirror's* circulation above that of *The Sun*. Lurking quietly in the wings is Lonrho, who admits to holding between one and two million Fleet shares. Its spokesman saw no point yesterday in holding any talks with Mr Maxwell, but in this merry-go-round tomorrow is very much another day.

Sterling plays a classic hand

The right thing to do on taking the helm at P & O was to sort out its balance sheet, sell off some of the peripheral businesses that threatened it, cut swaithes through the values of any assets that look remotely dodgy and then sit back for the benefit of lower interest costs and depreciation charges. Taking such hard medicine can provide the basis for extra profits needed in the short term while management grapples with its more long-term trading problems, for instance on ferries. That is the classic method and that is what Mr Jeffrey Sterling has done. The changes could add around £8m to 1985 profits, allowing for the need to pay for the Sea Princess.

The difficulty arises when you are trying to accomplish this while somebody is standing over your shoulder with a possible takeover bid in his hand. Sir Nigel Broackes at Trafalgar House could muse yesterday that his share exchange bid is now worth only about 10p per share less than P & O's realistic asset value: book assets have dropped from 330p to 260p.

But Mr Sterling is no fool. He has been at great pains to avoid disappointing market expectations for the full year by knocking the more extravagant optimists now. He has also left open the possibility of another good dividend rise should the need arise.

And, at the moment, Mr Sterling's own Sterling Guarantee Trust seems more keen on buying more shares in the market – he is up to 5.5 per cent – than Trafalgar House. He remains as keen as ever to buy Trafalgar's 7.1 per cent stake if it were available. But Sir Nigel is still keeping all his options open.

P&O chief gives a warning as interim profits double

By Graham Searjeant

Profits of P&O, the shipping, building and banking group, have almost doubled to £21m in the first six months of this year.

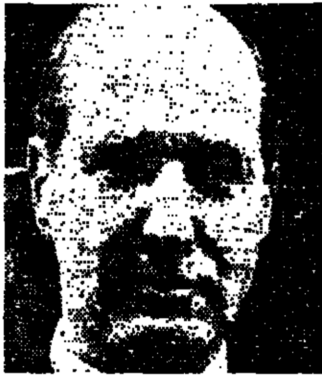
However, Mr Jeffrey Sterling, who was brought in as chairman *to revamp P&O at the time of* last year's abortive bid from Trafalgar House, surprised the market by warning against recent stockbrokers' forecasts of a rise in *full-year* profits from £57m to as much as £80m and announcing that P&O had written £77m off the book value of its fleet as gas carriers.

Although the *half-year* dividend has been raised from 4p to 5p, the company warned that this may not imply a rise in dividends for the year as a whole.

On the Stock Exchange, P&O shares fell 7p on the day to 308p. Last year's share-for-share bid from Trafalgar House, which was not renewed following clearance by the Monopolies Commission would now value P&O at 331p per share.

The bulk of P&O's profits normally come in the second half and while the company remains hopeful, Mr Sterling said: "In the light of the uncertain effect of the recent and present industrial disputes, and taking account of the ports P&O uses, it would be prudent to sound a note of caution regarding some market expectations".


Sir Nigel Broackes, chairman of Trafalgar House


Mr Jeffrey Sterling, brought in as chairman to revamp P & O

Some write-downs in the value of the gas fleet had been expected following a long depression in this part of the shipping market. But Mr Sterling has taken a harsher look following a worsening of the gas freight market in recent months, which is likely to lead to "a permanent diminution of values".

The rest of P&O's fleet is still substantially above book value, says the company.

The cuts are part of a series of moves to tidy the company, including the sale of the P&O building and an oil trading subsidiary, and a £7.5m provision for a share of losses on two bulk carriers which have been sub-chartered until they *are returned to their owners* in 1986. This week P&O sold 30 travel shops to American Express for £3m.

Altogether, profits on sales, write-downs, loss provisions and deferred tax adjustments add up to a £108m cut in reserves to £221m and a fall in the group's book value from £475m to £381m.

The measures have led, however, to an improvement in the group's liquidity, that will leave it enough cash to pay more than £100m for the new Sea Princess cruise ship.

Mr Sterling warns that write-offs will result in "material extraordinary items" in the year's accounts, but says the group's balance sheet is now "stronger than in living memory".

Gilts hit by slide

Government stocks fell yesterday, unsettled by the latest sterling slide against the US dollar. At one time there were falls of more than £1 but towards to close the market adopted a slightly firmer tone and the declines were, in some cases, reduced to £¾.

Trading, however, was not heavy with one dealer describing activity as "spasmodic".

Equities, after a poor start, closed on a firm note with the FT30 share index 1.6 points higher at 839.9 points.

STOCK EXCHANGES

FT-SE Index: 1082.6 down 1 1
(high 1082.9, low 1076.9)
FT Index: 839.9 up 1.6
FT Gilts: 78.89 down 0.54
FT All Share: 512.34 down 0.83
Bargains: 18,832
Datastream USM Leaders
Index: 101 84 down 0.29
New York: Dow Jones Industrial Average: (latest) 1,206 26 down 6 08
Tokyo: Nikkei Dow Jones Index 10,545.55 down 63.98
Hongkong: Hang Seng Index 946 87 down 0 15
Amsterdam: 155.2 down 0.3
Sydney: AO Index 721 8 down 6.9
Frankfurt: Commerzbank Index 1000.8 down 1 6
Brussels: General Index 157 50 down 0.36
Paris: CAC Index 173.2 unchanged
Zurich: SKA General Index 305.60 down 0.30

CURRENCIES

LONDON CLOSE

Sterling
$1.2815 down 1 cent
Index 77 7 down 0 1
DM 3.7850 down 0 0025
FrF 11.6025 down 0.0075
Yen 313.30 down 1.7

Dollar
Index 138.6 up 0.9
DM 2.9550 up 0.0255

NEW YORK LATEST
Sterling $1.2825
Dollar DM 2.9485

INTERNATIONAL
ECU £0.591830
SDR £0.780762

INTEREST RATES

Domestic rates:
Bank base rates 10½
Finance houses base rate 11½
Discount market loans week fixed 10⅜ - 10¼
3 month interbank 11⅛ - 11

Euro-currency rates:
3 month dollar 12$^{1}/_{16}$ - 11$^{15}/_{16}$
3 month DM 5$^{9}/_{16}$ - 5$^{7}/_{16}$
3 month Fr F11½ - 11⅜

US rates
Bank prime rate 13.00
Fed funds 11$^{11}/_{16}$
Treasury long bond 99$^{7}/_{32}$ - 99$^{11}/_{32}$

ECGD Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period August 8 to September 4, 1984, inclusive: 10.806 per cent.

£1.2m acres set record for land

By Judith Huntley

An existing two-acre industrial site in Bath Road, Slough, has been sold for £1.25m an acre, a British record price.

Guardian Royal Exchange has bought the site in the sought-after area near Heathrow airport London, and the M4 motorway, where land prices for developments able to accommodate computer and communications companies has been steadily approaching the £1m-an-acre level.

The assurance company will need to develop a scheme incorporating a high office content with higher rents to justify the price it is paying.

Twenty bidders for the site owned by Andrew-Weatherfoil, the engineering concern, included other financial institutions and DIY operators. Some of the interested parties are believed to have come back with higher offers once GRE's bid was known.

The assurance company will be able to take possession of the site when Andrew-Weatherfoil completes a 22,000 sq ft extension to its existing offices and vacates the site. Brian Cooper & Co acted for the vendor and GRE was represented by Fletcher King.

Slough's planners have yet to give permission for a scheme on the site.

ITT to cut STC stake

By Jeremy Warner

ITT Corporation of the United States is to reduce substantially its big shareholding in Standard Telephones and Cables, the telecommunications group which is merging with ICL, Britain's leading computer manufacturer.

News of the decision came yesterday as Mr Norman Tebbit, the Trade and Industry Secretary, announced that he had decided against referring STC's £410m takeover bid for ICL to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

ITT had agreed to reduce its shareholding to 24 per cent of the company within seven months in what amounts to a complete reversal of its previously stated position.

ITT had said that it would restore its share stake in ICL to 29.9 per cent after the merger with ICL and only two weeks ago it spent more than £15m protecting the size of its shareholding by buying STC shares in the stock market.

Sir Kenneth Corfield, STC's chairman, said that after extensive discussions with ICL and other parties, "we concluded that a stake of 25 per cent or more by any shareholder would be *perceived to bring material* influence to bear upon the management of the company and such a perception could constrain the company's commercial freedom".

He said the ITT had agreed to reduce its shareholding "in the national interest and to help ensure a successful merger between STC and ICL".

STC's strong connexions with ITT had led Mr Peter Shore, the Shadow Trade and Industry Secretary, to demand a Monopolies and Mergers Commission investigation into the ICL takeover plan on the grounds that an important sector of British industry would be surrendered to foreign control.

But STC claimed that the agreement with ITT had in no way been influenced by the threat of a Monopolies Commission reference. "The Government has cleared ITT's stake in the merged group," a spokesman said.

"A shareholding of more than 25 per cent could result in legal and commercial constraints inhibiting the completion of the merger and the long-term growth of the enlarged group," he added.

ITT will have to sell between 2.1 per cent and 3.7 per cent of STC shares to reduce its holding to 24 per cent.

Abbey raises 7-day rate 0.5%

The Abbey National sharpened competition between building societies to attract investors when it raised its seven-day deposit account rate by half a percentage point to 9.5 per cent yesterday, writes Richard Thomson.

This makes it the second large society to raise its investment rates recently Leeds Permanent raised its to 9.25 per cent last week.

These figures are worked out on a different basis from those shown by most societies and therefore look higher. On the old basis, calculating interest paid half-yearly, Abbey's rate was 8.75 per cent and has now risen to 9.28 per cent. On the new effective annual rate compounding the half-yearly interest, the rate rises form 8.94 per cent to 9.5 per cent. The account holds about a third of Abbey's liabilities.

Abbey claims its new rate is the highest for a short-term account now on offer.

Fidelity board turns down Caparo offer

By Our City Staff

Mr Joseph Wiltshire, the former GEC director who has chaired Fidelity for six weeks, yesterday told shareholders in the consumer electronics company not to accept the 120p share offer made by Mr Swraj Paul's Caparo Industries.

The company said, in a statement: "The board of Fidelity has no hesitation in unanimously concluding that the terms of this unsolicited offer significantly undervalue Fidelity's longer-term potential."

Mr Wiltshire said later: "We have a good design team here and some good products. Caparo's offer has no logic."

He added that Caparo's activities – mainly in engineering and property – were unrelated to Fidelity's business and that it would be unable to contribute anything.

But Mr Paul said that Fidelity needed leadership and financial control rather than specialist electronics knowledge.

Speculation suggest that Caparo could arrange a deal with Binatone to distribute Fidelity products.

Caparo says that since an initial meeting, efforts to talk with Fidelity about what it could contribute have been rebuffed. More details of its intentions may appear in the offer document expected in just over three weeks.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Profits fall at insurers

Guardian Royal Exchange and Sun Alliance revealed reduced profits for the half year to June 30 in figures still considerably better than the other composite insurers.

GRE's pretax profit fell £3.9m to £46.1m, against £50m over the same period last year. Underwriting losses increased by £8m to £44m from last year's £36m.

Sun Alliance almost doubled its general insurance loss to £63m, but investment income improved. Pretax profits fell from £33m last year to £12m this time.

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● RECKITT & COLMAN is to raise its interim payment 4.55p to 5.50p to even out the disparity between interim and final dividend. Sales for the six months to June 30 rose by 13 per cent to £545m. Pretax profits jumped by 22 per cent to £49.7m. Market share in many products continues to increase.

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● BICC, the cables and engineering group, has increased pretax profits for the half year to June 30 from £35m to £42.5m. Turnover increased to £986.5m from £919.1. The group is paying a same-again 3.5p interim dividend.

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GOLD

London fixed (per ounce):
am $338.50 pm $338.25
close $338.00 - 338.50 (£263.25 - 263.75)
New York (latest): $339.25
Krugerrand* (per coin):
$348.50 - 350.00 (£271.50 - 272.50)
*Excludes VAT

Acrow jobs hope

By Our City Staff

Most of Acrow's trading subsidiaries are capable of being sold as going concerns, the group's receivers said yesterday.

A spokesman for the receivers said he was confident that all the businesses were saleable and he had high hopes of keeping job losses to a minimum.

Mr Michael Jordon and Mr John Naylor of Cork Gully, the insolvency specialist, were appointed joint receivers on Monday.

The spokesman said that they had already received "a huge number of inquiries".

He expressed confidence that Coles Cranes would be sold as a going concern. More than half the group's workforce of 3,333 is employed by Coles Cranes, most of them at Sunderland, Tyne and Wear.

Mr Arthur Scott, divisional organizer of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers, said: "The jobs are obviously under threat and we must try to be positive.

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Pay talk deadlock leads to fears for economy

US car companies face strike

From Bailey Morris, Washington

An impasse in contract talks between the two largest US car manufacturers and their unions has raised the threat of a costly strike this month which would adversely affect other key sectors of the American economy.

Officials said the deadlock must be resolved before September 14 – when the current contract expires – to prevent a strike which both the Reagan Administration and financial markets hope to avoid.

Formal talks between General Motors, Ford and the United Automakers' Union were suspended after the union rejected the companies latest offer which it described as totally unacceptable.

Wall Street analysts said yesterday the although a lengthy strike would be very costly to GM and Ford in the short run, the companies might accept one in the overall interest of trying to break what they regard as a spiral of expensive long-term contract settlements which are making their products non-competitive.

The talks, the first in two years since the unions accepted big pay cuts to prevent more layoffs at the then ailing companies, are critical for more than one reason.

Analysts said the outcome will not only set the tone for negotiations in other industries where workers have made concessions but also send an important signal to the inflation front. Mr Paul Volcker, Chairman of the United States Central Bank, has warned that a big wage increase could re-ignite inflation fears as other unions pressed for similar gains.

The issues involved in the negotiations are broad and complex. Generally, the union's main demand is for job security, which it hopes to achieve by negotiating strict limits on the use of non-union parts in United States cars. The union also pressed the companies for agreements to stop *importing* partially assembled cars from abroad which are finished by United States workers.

A substantial wage increase was another key demand by the union. Members of the UAW are highly resentful of the record bonuses which car companies awarded their top executives this year.

Recently, the UAW'S executive committee chose both General Motors and Ford as potential strike targets if a new agreement is not reached by the September 14 deadline.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Bid talk lifts Rowntree Mackintosh

By Derek Pain

Rountree Mackintosh, the sweets group, was back as the City's favourite takeover stock yesterday as it surged 16p to a new 328p high.

But Mr David Bowden, finance director, said: "We have not received any approach and we have not made any approaches. There has not been any unusual movement in our share register".

For more than three months rumours of a bid have swirled around Rowntree, favous for such products as Quality Street and Smarties.

The shares have come up from a 216p low this year, largely on the takeover speculation but with the help of a growing realization that the group's prospects are now brighter than they have been for a long while.

On Tuesday however, the shares fell back as many investors took the view that take over hopes had evaporated when the Swiss controlled Nestlé's group - the City's favourite contender for Rowntree's hand - launched a £2.2 billion bid for the American Carnation Food group.

With such a takeover, one of the biggest ever, on its plate Nestlé's would not have the time or resources to attempt to swallow Rowntree, now valued at more than £500m.

Yesterday buyers came in strongly for Rowntree shares, accompanied by rumours of a bid of at least £4 a share.

Few now believes that Nestlé's will make such an attempt. Latest rumour pointed to a company unrelated to the confectionery industry – the Distillers Co Scotch whisky and gin group.

The DCL, as it is called in the City and the drinks trade, has made no secret of its desire to expand beyond its traditional drinks role. And the general view is that unless the Johnnie Walker to Gordon's gin group displays a more dynamic approach it will itself fall victim to a take over bid.

With the **General Electric Co** sitting on just under 3 per cent of the DCL capital there have been recurring rumours of a bid. Yesterday its shares slipped 2p to 293p.

After Tuesday's bloodbath equities were in a much more resilient form yesterday. The FT 30 share index started with a 5.9 points fall. But it closed with a 1.6 points gain to 839.9 points. The FT-SE 100 share index also improved as the day progressed but it could only reduce its fall to 1.1 points at 1,082.6 points.

The FT 30 share index was pulled back by the weakness of two of its constituents – P and O and BICC. Both announced disappointing results. P and O fell 7p to 308p and BICC lost 17p to equal its year's low at 208p.

Burmah Oil, that old takeover favourite, is expected to announce interin profits of £35m (£31.3m) next week. About £80m seems likely for the full year. The shares were up 4p to 194p at one stage yesterday. They closed at 192p, just 8p off their year's high.

Government stocks came in for a battering. The sad plight of sterling against the still strong US dollar – at one time almost down to 1.28 – left the market demoralized and there were falls of more than £1 at one time. Towards the close there were signs of returning firmness and gilts closed with falls of £¾ to £⅞ on the day.

Chubb, the security group fighting a bid from Racal Electronics, rose 5p to 266p. Its defence document is due out today. It is widely expected that the release of the group's defence will prompt at least one of the companies lurking on the sidelines to declare their hand and launch a counter bid for the group.

Oils were mixed but Lasmo recovered from the setback induced by the denial of a bid from Broken Hill Proprietary to gain 10p to 328p – thanks to its own Australian initiative.

The group, best known for its North Sea involvement, announced that it had accomplished a successful first appraisal well on its Cooper Basin (Queensland) discovery. It is now drilling nearby the appraisal well and if this should also come good then Lasmo could have a rich find on its hands.

Mr Chris Rowland, an analyst with de Zoete and Bevan, the broker, believes on conservative calculations that Lasmo's present Queensland strike could produce a yearly net income of £3m for the company. "Provisional indications suggest the reservoir can sustain this flow rate for more than 10 years and on this basis the prospect would be worth upwards of 25p a share to the group's asset value", he said.

Lasmo has a 26.25 per cent interest in the Cooper Basin discovery.

Drink shares remained subdued with breweries still worried by the surprise fall in July beer consumption. **Invergordon Distillers**, the Scotch whiskey group controlled by Hawker Siddeley, was unchanged at 142p after it had announced same-again 1.5p interim dividend and little changed pretax profits of £1,835,000.

The company is striving to build up its Scots Grey brand in the United States. Progress, it says, has been slow "but this has been compensated by increases in the other activities of the company".

Insurance shares were little changed after the interims from **Sun Alliance** and **Guardian Royal Exchange** although Sun relinquished 13p to 373p after its announcement.

Among FT index stocks **BTR** regained an 8p fall to close unchanged at 487p. Its interim figures are due next week.

Lake and Elliott rose 3p to 43p on hopes that Mr David Abell's aquisitive Suter group will launch a bid for full control and **Birmid Qualcast** continued to hover around the mid-80's on speculation that its mystery overseas shareholder is still picking up stock. Yesterday they rose 2½p to 85½p.

Memory Computer, the one-time Irish go-go stock suspended at 80p on Tuesday, said yesterday that it intends to raise further permanent capital by a share issue.

Details are expected with the accounts for the year to March 1984 although the date of publication is still uncertain. Meanwhile talks are believed to be under way between Touche Ross, the auditors, and the company about monies from two overseas contracts.

VX Thermax is hunting for acquisitions to supplement its east London metal-bashing operation. The group, with its printed and toughened glass division providing 85 per cent of profits, feels the metals side should be improved. It has so far examined and discarded six possible takeovers. Yesterday the company disclosed year's pretax profits of about £2m (£1.3m) and a 3.25p dividend. For the present year the group, which plans a big US sales build up and is considering a production unit in Australia, which should achieve £3m. The shares, unchanged at 140p appear to be good value.

The auditors refusal to allow profits from the two contracts to be taken into the results because the cash had not actually been received led to a revision of profits from IR£1.58m to just IR£76,000, causing a collapse in the share market.

Fidelity gained 2p to 120p. The company has rejected the bid from Caparo Industries.

J. Bibby, the animal feed group which is in takeover talks with Barlow Rand, came in for a modest run with a 5p gain to 283p. **Fleet Holdings** rose 2p to 198p on the increased Pergamon Press shareholding.

Tuesday's equity turnover, 14,221 bargains, was valued at £198.779m. Gilt bargains were 2,648. Total number of shares traded at 118.3 million.

TEMPUS

BICC on course but has a long way to go

Followers of BICC would do well to heed the old adage: "Blessed are they who expect nothing for they shall not be disappointed." The City has been expecting BICC to show some signs of genuine recovery and seeing few in yesterday's interim results the disappointment was duly registered in the shape of a 17p fall in the share price to 208p, its low for the year.

BICC is clearly moving in the right direction but as yet it is not firing on all four cylinders. The Balfour Beatty division is doing very well but there are difficulties in the other three divisions.

By far the most worrying is the international division, where both the South African and Canadian operations are struggling to break even. These two countries account for around 20 per cent of the group's business. There seems little that BICC can do and the company is very much in the hands of the two economies.

The cables division is still in the throes of restructuring and rationalization. A hefty capital investment programme is helping to modernize plant and improving efficiency but there will be more closure and redundancy costs to come. There was a charge of £4m above the line in the first half for reorganization and this could be higher in the second half.

The miners' strike has also cost the company about £2m and the impact could become more serious without an early solution.

In the industrial products division there has been an improvement although not as rapid as some would have liked. A change in the division's name will improve customer awareness and the second half should see further growth.

Overall, the message from yesterday's pretax figure of £42.5m, up from £35m, is that progress is being made but it will take longer for the benefits to show through the results. The management's commitment to improve the business is reflected in the budgeted £80m-plus capital spending. This will be covered adequately by a cash flow bolstered by Balfour Beatty's cash generating powers.

How long BICC takes to move from recovery to growth will depend a lot on the success of chairman-designate Sir William Barlow's policy of decentralization. It will be at least 1985 before clearer indications emerge.

Reckitt & Colman

Do not be surprised if Reckitt & Colman transforms itself out of all recognition shortly. America provides the key. Reckitt is pushing into the US quickly and successfully via Bully and the group has grabbed a useful slice of the lavatory cleaner market.

Reckitt's tiny US profit margins show the scale of the promotional spend. Interim US sales totalled £117m, up 18 per cent, but profits were under £500,000. Assuming target margins are 10 per cent, this points to an annual outlay of perhaps £20m or more.

But it takes time to build a US business from the grass-roots. Expand or die is the watchword of the changing world household products industry. Reckitt is only one bad set of figures away from an unwelcome bid.

Hence the group's oft-stated desire to make a strategic acquisition is taking on a note of urgency. Anything in the US or the UK would fit, provided it gave added American penetration. The group is happy to spend up to £100m.

It is also willing to finance the deal by selling, or perhaps even wapping, ancillary divisions, like pharmaceuticals, or industrial cleaning, which together must be worth close on £100m.

The need to expand into the US may therefore impose a rationalizing descipline on the present sprawl of interests. A p/e of 13 at 523p on the past 12 months' earnings hints at market endorsement.

GRE/Sun Alliance

In comparison with the results announced by other composite insures, the half year figures from Guardian Royal Exchange and Sun Alliance yesterday look remarkably good. Given difficult insurance market conditions, GRE's reduction in pretax profits of only 7.8 per cent is about as small as could have been expected. And although Sun Alliance's pretax profit fell by more than 60 per cent, at least it managed to stay in the black.

Nevertheless, on a comparison of the two companies, Sun Alliance has clearly come out worse. To some extent this reflects the different spread of business. Sun Alliance has a very large house insurance account and was consequently hit harder by bad weather, in the first quarter, which cost £17.5m in claims. A sharp increase subsidence claims also took a heavy toll.

GRE too, felt the effects of bad weather but not to the same extent. Subsidence losses also nearly doubled over last year's first half, and the company blames the fall in profits principally on these areas, but it still comes off more lightly than Sun Alliance.

One of GRE's main areas of business is its motor account. While this did not perform particularly well, it has not done as badly as it at first appears. The company has reserved heavily on this account, pulling down its profits quite considerably.

The geographical spread of the two companies' business has also had some effect. GRE, with only eight per cent of its business in the US, has the smallest exposure there of any composite. Consequently, the appaling conditions in the American market have affected its results less than those of Sun Alliance.

For the rest of the year each company's fortunes will again be affected by the mix of business. GRE, for example, traditionally has a significantly better second half and should benefit from its conservative reserving in the first half. Nevertheless, neither company is painting a particularly rosy picture of the future in a market which still remains difficult.

MONEY MARKETS

Interbank rates opened on *11-10⅞* per cent and had already come off to 10⅝ ½ per cent before forecast of a money market shortage.

When the Bank of England virtually took the shortage out with early assistance to discount houses, the rate fell smartly.

Further declines took the market down to 5 per cent by the close.

Clearing Banks Base Rate 10½

Discount Mkt Loans%
Overnight: High 10½ Low 4½

Week Fixed: 10⅝-10¼

Treasury Bills (Dis%)

Buying	Selling
2 months 10⅝	2 months 10¼
3 months 10⁹⁄₃₂	3 months 10⁶⁄₃₂

Prime Bank Bills (Dis%) Trades (Dis%)

1 month 10¹³⁄₃₂-10⁹⁄₃₂	1 month 11¹⁄₃₂
2 months 10⅝-10½	2 months 11
3 months 10⁹⁄₃₂-10⁵⁄₃₂	3 months 10²⁹⁄₃₂
6 months 10⁷⁄₁₆-10⁵⁄₁₆	6 months 11¹⁄₁₆

Local Authority Bonds

1 month 11⅝-11⅛	7 months 10¾-10½
2 months 11¼-11	8 months 10¾-10½
3 months 11⅛-10⅞	9 months 11⅛-10⅞
4 months 11⅛-10⅞	10 months 11⅛-10⅞
5 months 11⅛-10⅞	11 months 11⅛-10⅞
6 months 10¾-10½	12 months 11-10¾

Secondary Mkt. £CD Rates (%)

1 month 10⅞-10¹³⁄₁₆	6 months 10⅞-10⅝
3 months 10¹⁵⁄₁₆-10¹³⁄₁₆	12 months 10¹³⁄₁₆-10¾

Local Authority Market (%)

1 day 10¾	3 months 10¾
7 days 10¾	6 months 10⅞
1 month 10¾	1 year 10⅞

Interbank Market (%)

Overnight: open 9⅞-9⅝ Close 5

1 week 10½-10¼	6 months 11³⁄₁₆-11¹⁄₁₆
1 month 10¹⁵⁄₁₆-10¹³⁄₁₆	9 months 11⁵⁄₁₆-11³⁄₁₆
3 months 11⅛-11	12 months 11⅜-11¼

First Class Finance Houses (Mkt. Rate%)

3 months 11⅛ 6 months 11³⁄₁₆

Finance House Base Rate 11½

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

STERLING SPOT and FORWARD RATES

	Market rates day's range September 5	Market rates close September 5	1 month	3 months
New York	$1.2800-1.2860	$1.2810-1.2820	0.11-0.13c disc	0.38-0.39c disc
Montreal	$1.6600-1.6770	$1.6700-1.6710	0.13-0.21c disc	0.49-0.60c disc
Amsterdam	4.2567-4.2800fl	4.27-4.28fl	2-1⅝c prem	5⅛-⅞c prem
Brussels	75.96-76.30f	76.15-76.25f	3 prem-3c disc	3 prem-6c disc
Copenhagen	13.69-13.78k	13.69-13.70k	⅛-⅞ore disc	1⅞-2⅞ore disc
Frankfurt	3.7700-3.7987m	3.78-3.79m	2-1¾pf prem	5⅝-5pf prem
Lisbon	196.50-197.90e	196.85-197.40e	230-625e disc	690-1665e disc
Madrid	214.00-214.80p	214.05-214.25p	45-65p disc	60-198p disc
Milan	2324.40-2334.20lr	2327-2329lr	6-9lr disc	21-24lr disc
Oslo	10.7800-10.8150k	10.7825-10.7925k	1⅞-2½ore disc	6-6⅞ore disc
Paris	11.5720-11.6190f	11.5975-11.6075f	½disc-½c prem	⅝-1⅞c disc
Stockholm	10.80-10.84k	10.81-10.82k	1⅞-2⅜ore disc	5⅞-6⅝ore disc
Tokyo	313.05-314.25y	313.25-313.75y	1⅛-1⅛y prem	3⅞-3⅛y prem
Vienna	26.51-26.62sch	26.56-26.61sch	10⅝-9¼gro prem	27⅞-24⅝gro prem
Zurich	3.1465-3.1783f	3.1580-3.1680f	1⅞-1⅝c prem	5-4⅞c prem
Dublin	1.2250-1.2262p	1.2240-1.2250p	13-30p disc	49-72p disc

Effective exchange rate compared with 1975 was down 0.1 at 77.7.

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.0480-1.0490
Singapore	2.1615-2.1630
Malaysia	2.3570-2.3590
Australia	0.8280-0.8290
Canada	1.3033-1.3036
Sweden	8.4325-8.4425
Norway	8.4100-8.4200
Denmark	10.7025-10.7125
West Germany	2.9520-2.9536
Switzerland	2.4645-2.4660
Netherlands	3.3325-3.3335
France	9.0600-9.0650
Japan	244.70-244.80
Italy	1817-1819
Belgium (Comm)	59.43-59.48
Hong Kong	7.8485-7.8515
Portugal	152.00-155.00
Spain	167.10-167.30
Austria	20.73-20.78

OTHER £ RATES

Australia	1.5468-1.5500
Bahrein	0.4820-0.4860
Finland	7.8830-7.9230
Greece	148.25-150.25
Hongkong	10.046-10.058
Iran	n.a.
Kuwait	0.3785-0.3825
Malaysia	2.9913-2.9963
Mexico	240-265
New Zealand	2.5884-2.5958
Saudi Arabia	4.5160-4.5560
Singapore	2.7667-2.7709
South Africa	2.1052-2.1104

Rates Supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel.

EURO-$ DEPOSITS

(%) calls, 11⅜-10¾, seven days, 11¹³⁄₁₆-11⅝, one month, 11⅞-11¾, three months, 12¹⁄₁₆-11¹⁵⁄₁₆, six months, 12⅜-12¼

RECENT ISSUES

	Closing Price
Alphameric 5p Ord (95a)	104
Applied Holographics 5p Ord (180a)	155
Berkeley Group 25p Ord (85a)	102
Blue Arrow 25p Ord (75a)	87
Britannia Security 10p Ord (62.5a)	80
Bush Radio 10p Ord (88a)	75
Clogau Gold 10p Ord (30a)	24+1
Compsoft Hldgs 5p Ord (*a)	125
DDT Group 5p Ord (135a)	178-1
Ennex Int Ir 10p Ord (41a)	35
Enterprise Oil 25p Ord (185*)	100+3
Entertainment Prod 5p Ord (58a)	48
Etam 10p Ord (95)	118-2
Gaunt R 25p Ord (50a)	48
Gee/Rosen Org 5p Ord (33a)	33
Hobson 5p Ord (25a)	30
Hoggett Bowers 5p Ord (47a)	47
Ind Scot Energy £1 Ord (a)	135
Jaguar 25p Ord (165)	177+1
Mayfair & City Prop 25p Ord (100a)	110
Pacific Sales Org 10p Ord (60a)	45
Piccadilly Radio 5p Ord NV (78a)	30

* by tender

News that the National Coal Board *is willing to have fresh* talks with the miners was of little help to sterling which continued to be weighed down by the troubled industrial background.

However, the main pressure on the pound came from the continued strength of the US dollar as the belief grows that US interest rates will soon be moving up again.

Sterling, which just before the end of business dipped to a record low of $1.2815, edged off the bottom to finish at $1.2815, *a fall on the day of one cent.*

Dealers said there was no indication of Bank of England support. The trade weighted index ended at 77.7 (77.8 overnight). The pound however, managed to end ahead in Deutsche mark terms at 3.7850 (3.7820).

The German currency was heavily supported by the Bundesbank during the session but, despite a brief mid-session rally, succumbed to further selling pressure from across the Atlantic which left it floundering at an 11 year low position of 2.9550 (2.9295) in dollar terms.

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1984 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY PRICES

[illegible]

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

[illegible]

LONDON INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL FUTURES

[illegible]

Hampton Trust in £1.09m share deal

By Judith Huntley

Hampton Trust, the property investment, energy and gold exploration company, has bought British Land's 12.9 per cent stake in Dares Estates, the housebuilding and commercial property company.

Hampton Trust, whose figures came out today, paid £1.09m for the 4,925,000 shares which British Land acquired towards the end of last year. The deal then involved British Land selling a £4.35m portfolio of properties in London and the South East to Dares in a shares, cash and mortgage transaction.

British Land's chairman, Mr John Ritblat, said that the company would make a 25 per cent profit from the sale and that it in no way implied there was anything wrong with the investment.

Sir Cecil Burney, the chairman of Hampton Trust, gave his reason for the purchase as being the potential in Dares Estates and the fact that the company was paying a dividend and yielding 9 per cent.

He said Hampton Trust was always looking for a deal and knowing the British Land stake was on the market, decided to buy it. Sir Cecil said that Hampton Trust was not set to become a purely property company despite the "quantum leaps" it has made in that direction.

He could be interested in achieving a quick return on the Dares investment similar that made by Hampton on its stake in Aquis, subsequently the subject of a bid.

Mr Richard Herbert Smith, managing director of Dares Estates, would not comment on the sale nor say any more about the company's results which are due out shortly.

Dares has been selling some of its property in an attempt to reduce its high gearing.

Base Lending Rates

ABN Bank	10½%
Adam & Company	10½%
Barclays	10½%
BCCI	10½%
Citibank Savings †	12 %
Consolidated Crds	10½%
Continental Trust	10½%
C. Hoare & Co *	10½%
Lloyds Bank	10½%
Midland Bank	10½%
Nat Westminster	10½%
TSB	10½%
Williams & Glyn's	10½%
Citibank NA	10½%

† Mortgage Base Rate.

* 7 day deposits on sums of under £10,000, 7¾%; £10,000 up to £50,000, 8%, £50,000 and over, 8¼%.

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Pleasurama nine-month profit lifted to £14m

By Johathan Clare

Pleasurama's first set of figures since the acquisition of Associated Leisure last March show a substantial but difficult-to-compare improvement.

The casino and leisure company yesterday turned in profits of £14m for the first nine months of the present year, which has been changed to an December year end, against £8.2m for the previous period.

Associated Leisure, the leading British amusement machine rental company, contributed 3.4m

Pleasurama was prevented from bidding for Trident Television last December because of the number of casinos it would control in conjunction with Grand Metropolitan.

The Monopolies Commission decision was influenced by Grand Metropolitan's 29.9 per cent shareholding in Pleasurama. This stake reduced to 22.5 per cent after the acquisition of Associated Leisure was disposed of in June and the Department of Trade and Industry gave formal clearance for the bid to be renewed.

Pleasurama said yesterday that its provincial casino division, which grew strongly last year, made slightly lower profits.

Associated company profits from the 25 per cent stake in the Ritz Casino and the Casanova Club, were down, mainly from heavier competition in London, from £2.3m to £2m. Profits from the amusement machine division were down but have improved. Analysts expect more than £21m for the year.

Aitken 'very likely' to join Espley

By Our City Staff

Mr Ronnie Aitken said yesterday that he thought it "very likely" that he would accept an invitation to rejoin the board of the troubled Espley Trust, the one-time property company he helpled to float on the stock market three years ago.

But the expected formal announcement by Mr Ron Shuck, Espley's chairman, that Mr Aitken had been appointed a director did not materialise at yesterday's annual meeting.

Mr Shuck said in reply to a question that Mr Aitken was a friend of the company and had reacted favourably to suggestions that he should again become a director.

He added that property disposals worth up to £10m were under way and they would improve Espley's balance sheet. Espley's shares recently fell from 90p to 30p in two months as it became apparent that institutions, worried about the Midlands proprty market, got cold feet

Jeremy Warner on the decision which spells engineer's doom

Banks send in the demolition squad as Acrow sees hope

Another famous name in the engineering industry is about to be consigned to the dustbin of corporate history. After two years of support, the banks have lost patience with Acrow, best known for Coles mobile cranes, scaffolding props and Bailey bridges, and told its directors they wanted their money back. That means receivership.

According to Mr Norman Cunningham, the Glaswegian appointed at the end of 1981 with the task of master-minding Acrow's climb back from the abyss, running the company has been, like climbing Everest without oxygen. He said: "I had reached the stage where I could see the summit but then the banks moved base camp".

Perhaps surprisingly Acrow's fall is the first big business collapse since Stone Platt, the textile machinery to electronics group, went under in spring 1982.

The reasons the receivers are moving in are clear. Eighteen months ago the company's 16 British and overseas banks, which together were owed about £50m by Acrow, agreed a framework to provide continuity of finance for the group. Soon after Acrow reported that losses for the year to the end of March 1983 had soared to £14.1m. But that, the group confidently predicted, would mark the nadir of its fortunes.

A savage restructing and rationalization programme had already been put in train by Mr Cunningham and by last week his scalpel had cut about 2,500 jobs from the group's workforce. The patient now has a slim 3,333 workers.

Acrow Tubes at Saffron Walden, Essex was closed and the plant sold to British Steel for £2.5m. The stake in Acrow Engineers of South Africa was sold for £2.1m. The Coles Cranes works at Glazebury Cheshire was closed and production transferred to the main plant at Sunderland, Tyne and Wear. Adamson and Hatchett, the Cheshire boilermaker, was closed at a cost in writeoffs and redundancies of £8.5m. Adamson Chrinister Valves in the United States and the group's share stake in Acrow Austrailis were put up for sale. Preistman Brothers, the group's Hull excavator manufacturer, more than halved its workforce to 338.

The result of this is that nearly all parts of Acrow are now trading profitably. But they are not making enough to cover the costs of servicing the group's mountain of debt.

'I could see the summit but the banks moved base camp'

The crunch came at a meeting between Mr Cunningham and Barclays Bank officials on Monday. He told them that the group was unable to forecast a profit for thid year. Coming on top of Acrow's failure to conclude negotiations to sell Adamson Chronister Valves in the United States, it was the final straw.

The bankers took the view that Acrow would never be able to trade its way out of its problems and that a capital reconstruction would be tantamount to pouting good money after bad.

For Mr Cunningham, it was the frustrating and bitter end to two-and-a-half years of hard graft. "There is more we should have done by way of rationalization," he said. "Bentall Simplex (which makes grain dryers and storage silos) has been a big problem and probably should have been closed. But the cost in write-offs would have been £9m and with our equity base so depleted already, the bankers would never have taken it."

But he is also realistic enough to know that the receivership means a better and safer future for some of the group's companies and workers. In particular Coles Cranes, which accounts for more than half the group's workforce, has been proftable for many months and appears to have a bright future, once unburdened of debt.

For Mr William de Vigier, Acrow's 73-year-old chairman, the receivership will be harder to accept, it forms a bitter end to one of the great entrepreneurial success stories of postwar British engineering.

He founded Acrow from a small lock-up under the Bow railway arches in East London in 1936. The name became

A bitter end to one of the great entrepreneurial success stories

synonymous with the adjustable building props that originally formed the heart of the company but derived, ironically from the solicitor who drew up its original paperwork: Mr A. Crow.

The ebullient Mr De Vigier was able to announce an interrupted rise in profits from those early beginnings to the late seventies.

But if he can take the credit for building Acrow into one of Britain's biggest suppliers of scaffolding and props to the construction industry and a model of individual enterprise. he will also be blamed by some critics for some of the long-term causes of its decline and collapse.

His intransigence over many years on the question of the group's share structure arguably prevented the group from refinancing itself with new equity when it was capable of doing so in the late 1970s. As recently as the year to March 1978, the group was riding high with record profits of £14.3m.

But Mr de Vigier, against advice from the City, stubbornly stuck to the archaic share structure of voting and non-voting shares which allowed him to exercise absolute control. The institutions would not support a rights issue in non-voting shares. Nor could they press affectively for change at an earlier stage.

It is also possible to blame Mr de Vigier for some of the industrial causes of Acrow's downfall. It is ironic that Coles Cranes is now the most successful part of the group because some see it as having caused many of the group's troubles.

It came as part of the Steel Group which Mr de Vigier acquired in 1972 for £24m. Acrow had, until then, been involved mainly in volume engineering products like props. Cranes required much more management, involving after-sales service, spare parts and a plethora of suppliers and technologies. In the year ended March 1983, Coles lost £10m.

Perhaps the harshest element for Acrow managers is that receivers should arrive now, as the economy is pulling out of recession and there appears to be some hope.

For the bankers, however, it is an easily explained paradox. If a group cannot make profits now, it never will, and it is much better to give its constituent parts a chance under a different structure of ownership.

Record world grain crop hits prices

By Michael Prest

World grain prices came under further pressure yesterday as the Food and Agricultural Organisation, the United Nations agency, announced that world grain production this year was estimated at a record 1,756 million tonnes.

The bumper crop should be 119 million tonnes more than last year's, the FAO said. A combination of early rain followed by prolonged sunshine has produced good harvests, particularly for wheat, in many parts of the world.

The International Wheat Council, a separate body, said in a recent estimate that world wheat production this year would be 505 million tonnes, an increase of 9 million tonnes over 1983.

One result of this bumper harvest has been a steady decline in grain prices as the markets become aware of the volume of grain about to be available. The IWC's world indicator of wheat prices has fallen from $163-a-tonne at the end of June to nearer $150-a-tonne.

On the London futures market run by the Grain and Feed Trade Association the price of wheat for November delivery has slipped from £110.9 a tonne two months ago to just over £106. Barley has similarly weakened from £110.1 a tonne to £108.

TDG in £6.8m cash call

Transport Development Group is placing 8 million shares to raise £6.88m to help finance the acquisition of a 74 per cent shareholding in Market Industries.

The total cost of the acquisition will be about $9m (£6.97m) made up from $5m for the 74 per cent stake and $4m for existing borrowings which will be refinanced.

TGD, which is involved in the haulage, storage, plant hire and construction industries, is enthusiastic about US prospects. The Federal deficit has expanded road building programmes, while the Californian haulage business turned in record profits in the first half. All US divisions are expected to make a profit for the second half.

In brief

- TELEVISION SERVICES INTL: Six months to June 30 (eight months to June 30). Payable on November 20. Interim dividend 0.1p (single dividend 0.1p). Results shown for 1983 represent the results of Platypus Holding for period of eight months. (Figures in £000) Turnover 2,076 (1,079). Pretax profit 215 (153)). Tax – current 20 (nil). Deferred 60 (78). Extraordinary debit nil (120). Earnings per share 0.61p (loss 0.2p). Shares 28p up 1p.
- CHARTERHOUSE PETROLEUM: Following the exercise of a share option, a director, Mr D A Roberts, has sold 25,000 ordinary shares and has increased the total in which he is interested to 291,995.
- HANIMEX CORPORATION: No dividend for year to June 30, (same). Unaudited net profit A$2.05m (loss 8.28m). Turnover 151.06m (174.64m). Profit is after tax 2.55m (1.89m), interest 6.37m (7.42m), and depreciation 1.16m (2.12m), but before net extraordinary profit 351,000 (loss 5.51m).
- TYNDALL OVERSEAS FUND: second interim 1.5p, making 2.5p for period June 1, 1983 to August 31, 1984. Payable on October 31.
- SOVEREIGN OIL AND GAS: Sun Alliance and London Insurance, further to recent merger with Phoenix Assurance, is now the beneficial owner of 3.52 million ordinary shares of the company representing 9.78 per cent of the company's issued share capital.
- ESTATES PROPERTY INV CO: Final 5.5p making 8.25p (8p) for year to April 30. (Figures in £000). Gross rents 4,610 (4,126). Net rents 4,085 (3,651) After ground rents. Pretax profit 2,734 (2,477) after administration expenses 463 (460) and interest payable 937 (776) but including other income 47 (43) and interest received 2 (19). Tax 963 (896). Earnings per share 9.27p (8.32p) Shares 165 down 2.
- MINERAL OILS AND RESOURCES: Final dividend 19cts $US gross for the year to August 29 making 40cts gross. Payable on November 27.

New cartridge-type computer planned

From Jan Mayman, Perth

Plans to produce what is claimed to be a world first in computer technology, promising cheaper, simpler and faster operation, as well as vast memory capacity, and even artificial intelligence, have been announced by Mr M. J. Bryce, Western Australia's Deputy Premier and Minister for Technology.

His government plans to take a one-sixth equity in the Perth-based project called Formulab, Technology (Australia).

Formulab's computer system HI-Q is based on a new concept – an in-built, replaceable solid-state cartridge with a memory of 250 "Ks" or 250,000 "bytes" – around eight times that of conventional microcomputers.

Information can be directly written in, stored and recalled from the cartridges by computer users, thus eliminating the need for floppy discs, now widely used to store computerized information.

The cartridges, called "brics" are a combination of hardware and software so there is no need to reload different disc programmes, according to Mr Tony Richter, the chairman of Formulab.

The "bric" technology would cost only five per cent of comparable memory capacity systems, he said.

His system should be specially attractive to those who considered themselves computer illiterate, since it could be reprogrammed in simple English commands.

What has attracted the attention of big computer companies around the world, though, is the new system's artificial intelligence aspects.

Its "intelligent memory", has the ability to code and later automatically recall, correlate and act on information received – like the human brain.

Mr Richter insists his "bric" is not like a bubble memory facsimile or a word processor.

Formulab is now negotiation manufacturing deals on a joint-venture basis with a number of unnamed US companies.

WALL STREET

New York (Agencies) – Prices opened lower in active trading with the Dow Jones average down 5.08 to 1,207.26 shortly afterwards. Declines led advances 589-237.

Several analysists have said they were confident the market would rebound eventually, but most of them believed institutional investors would not budge until they saw signs of lower interest rates.

Federal funds traded at 11¾ per cent in the early going, the same as on Tuesday.

	Sept 4	Aug 31
AMF Inc	16⅝	16¾
AMR	26⅝	25⅞
Allied Chem	33⅝	33⅝
Allied Stores	47⅛	47⅜
Allis Chalmers	11⅝	11⅝
Alcoa	35⅝	35⅝
Amax Inc	21⅛	22⅛
Amerada Hess	27⅝	28⅜
Am Brands	60⅝	60⅝
Am Broadcast	60	60⅜
Am Can	47⅛	47⅛
Am Cyanamid	51⅝	52
Am Elec Power	18	18⅛
Am Home	52	53
Am Motors	4⅝	4⅝
Am Nat Res	36	35⅞
Am Standard	30⅝	31⅛
Am Telephone	18⅛	18⅝
Armco Steel	11⅝	12
Asarco	22⅞	23⅞
Ashland Oil	25	24⅝
Atlantic Richfield	49⅝	48⅝
Avco	31⅛	31⅛
Avon Products	24	24⅛
Bankers Tst NY	47⅝	47⅝
Bank of America	16⅛	16⅝
Bank of Boston	36	36
Bank of NY	29⅛	29⅞
Beatrice Foods	28⅝	28⅝
Bethlehem Steel	19	19⅛
Boeing	52⅛	53⅝
Boise Cascade	40⅝	40⅛
Borden	59⅝	60⅛
Borg Warner	20⅝	21⅝
Bristol Myers	47	48⅝
BP	24⅝	25⅛
Burlington Ind	24⅛	25
Burlington Nthn	45⅝	46⅛
Burroughs	55⅛	55⅝
Campbell Soup	61⅛	62⅛
Canadian Pacific	36⅝	36⅝
Caterpillar	38⅛	38⅛
Celanese	72⅝	73
Central Soya	15⅛	15⅛
Chase Manhat	42⅛	42⅛
Chem Bank NY	27⅝	27⅝
Chevron	36	36⅛
Chrysler	28⅝	28⅝
Citicorp	34	34⅝
Clark Equip	29⅛	30⅛
Coca Cola	61⅞	62
Colgate	24	23⅞
CBS	82⅛	82⅝
Columbia Gas	29	29
Combustion Eng	29⅛	29⅝
Comwith Edison	25⅞	25⅞
Cons Edison	26⅝	26⅝
Cons Foods	31⅝	32⅛
Cons Power	5⅛	5⅛
Continental Grp	57	57⅛
Control Data	29⅝	30
Corning Glass	69⅛	70⅝
CPC Intl	38⅛	38⅞
Crane	34⅛	34⅝
Crocker Int	22⅞	22⅞
Crown Zeller	33⅝	33⅝
Dart & Kraft	77⅝	77⅛
Deere	27⅝	28
Delta Air	32⅝	33⅛
Detroit Edison	13⅛	13⅛
Digital Equip	95⅛	96½
Disney	56⅛	56⅝
Dow Chemical	31⅛	31⅛
Dresser Ind	20⅝	20⅛
Duke Power	29⅝	29⅛
Du Pont	49⅝	50
Eastern Air	4	4⅛
Eastman Kodak	74⅛	75⅝
Eaton Corp	49⅝	50⅛
Emhart	37⅛	37⅛
Evans P. D.	5	5
Exxon Corp	43	43

	Sept 4	Aug 31
Fed Dept Stores	51⅝	51⅝
Firestone	17⅛	18
Fst Chicago	22⅝	23⅝
Fst Interst Bncp	37⅝	37⅛
Fst Penn Corp	5⅛	5⅛
Ford	43⅛	42⅞
GAF Corp	23⅝	23⅛
GTE Corp	40⅛	41⅛
Gen Corp	37⅝	37⅛
Gen Dynamics	63	64⅛
Gen Electric	56	56⅝
Gen Foods	58⅝	58⅝
Gen Mills	54⅛	54⅝
Gen Motors	73⅛	73⅝
Gen Pub Util NY	9⅛	10
Genesco	6⅛	7⅛
Georgia Pacific	21⅛	22⅛
Gillette	49⅛	50
Goodrich	28	28⅛
Goodyear	26⅛	27⅛
Gould Inc	30⅝	30⅛
Grace	41⅝	42⅛
Gt Atlc & Pacific	16⅝	16⅝
Greyhound	22⅛	22⅝
Grumman Corp	27⅛	28⅛
Gulf & West	29⅝	30
Heinz H. J	39⅝	39
Hercules	34⅝	34⅝
Honeywell	63⅛	63⅛
IC Inds	26	26⅛
Ingersoll	44⅛	44⅝
Inland Steel	23⅛	23⅞
IBM	122⅝	123⅝
Int Harvester	8⅛	8⅛
INCO	11⅝	12
Int Paper	55	56
Int Tel Tel	26⅝	27
Irving Bank	37⅝	38⅝
Jewel Co	71⅝	71⅝
Jim Walter	26⅝	27⅝
Johnson & John	34	33⅝
Kaiser Alumin	15	14⅝
Kerr McGee	31⅛	31⅛
Kimberly Clark	45⅝	45⅝
K Mart	32⅝	33⅛
Kroger	35⅛	36⅛
L.T.V. Corp	11⅛	11⅛
Litton	69⅝	71⅝
Lockheed	44⅛	45⅛
Lucky Stores	18⅝	18⅝
Manuf Hanover	26⅛	27⅛
Mans Ilie Cp	7⅛	7⅛
Mapco	25	25⅛
Marine Midland	23⅝	23⅝
Martin Marietta	39	39⅝
McDonnell	67⅝	67⅛
Mead	40	40⅝
Merck	82⅝	83⅝
Minnesota Mng	81⅝	82⅝
Mobil Oil	29⅝	29⅝
Monsanto	47⅝	50⅝
Morgan J. P.	68⅛	68⅝
Motorola	42⅝	43⅝
NCR Corp	26⅛	26⅝
NL Industries	13⅝	13⅝
Nabisco	47⅛	47⅛
Nat Distillers	25⅝	25⅛
Nat Med Ent	21⅛	23⅛
Norfolk South	55⅝	56⅛
NW Bancorp	26⅛	26⅝
Occidental Pet	28⅛	28⅛
Ogden	27⅝	28
Olin Corp	30⅛	31⅝
Owens-Illinois	42⅝	41⅛
Pacific Gas Elec	14⅝	33⅛
Pan Am	4⅝	5
Penney J. C.	50	50⅝
Pennzoil	5⅛	35⅝
Pepsico	42⅝	43⅝
Pfizer	35⅛	35⅛
Phelps Dodge	18⅛	18⅞
Philip Morris	75	76⅛

	Sept 4	Aug 31
Phillips Petrol	49⅝	49⅛
Polaroid	30⅛	30⅛
PPG Ind	33⅝	33⅛
Procter Gamble	55⅝	56
Pub Ser El & Gas	24⅛	24⅛
Raytheon	41⅝	41⅛
RCA Corp	35	35⅛
Reynolds Ind	62⅛	62⅝
Reynolds Metal	29⅛	29⅛
Rockwell Int	29⅛	30
Royal Dutch	48⅛	47⅛
Safeways	27⅛	28
St Regis Paper	34⅛	35⅛
SFE Sopac	25⅛	25⅝
SCM	41⅛	42
Schlumberger	47⅛	45⅛
Scott Paper	31⅛	31⅛
Seagram	17⅛	17⅛
Sears Roebuck	15⅛	15⅛
Shell Oil	50	49⅛
Shell Trans	17⅛	14⅛
Signal Co	31⅛	32
Singer	32⅛	31⅛
Smithkline Beck	57⅛	57⅛
Sony	14⅝	14⅛
Sth Cal Edison	29⅛	29⅛
Sperry Corp	39⅛	43⅛
Std Oil Indiana	56⅛	57⅛
Std Oil Ohio	46⅝	47⅛
Sterling Drug	25⅛	26
Stevens J. P.	17⅛	17⅛
Sun Comp	50⅛	50⅝
Teledyne	276⅛	277⅛
Tenneco	38⅛	39⅛
Texaco	35⅛	36
Texas East Corp	30⅛	30⅛
Texas Inst	143⅛	144⅛
Texas Utilities	24⅛	24⅛
Textron	32⅝	32⅛
TWA	20	20
Travelers Corp	33	34
TRW Inc	71⅛	71⅛
UAL Inc	37⅛	37⅛
Union Carbide	54⅛	54⅛
Unocal	35⅝	39
Un Pacific Corp	40⅛	41⅛
Uniroyal	13⅛	13⅛
United Brands	14⅛	14⅛
US Steel	23⅛	24⅛
Utd Technol	37⅛	38⅛
Wachovia	29⅞	27⅛
Warner Comm	19⅛	20⅛
Warner Lambert	32⅝	33
Wells Fargo	41	40⅛
Westinghse Elec	25⅛	26⅛
Weyerhauser	28⅛	28⅛
Whirlpool	43⅛	43⅛
Woolworth	36⅛	36⅛
Xerox Corp	37⅛	38⅝
Zenith	25⅛	25⅛
Canadian Prices		
Abitibi	30⅛	31
Alcan Alumin	31⅛	30⅛
Algoma Steel	21⅛	21⅝
Bell Telephone	33⅛	33⅝
Can Pacific	47⅝	47⅛
Cominco	16	16
Cons Bathurst	15⅛	15⅝
Gulf Oil	18⅛	18⅛
Hawker/Sid Can	19⅛	19⅛
Hudson Bay Mn	9⅛	9⅛
Imasco	43⅛	43⅛
Imperial Oil	42	42
Int Pipe	32⅛	31⅛
Mass-Fergsn	4.10	4.00
Royal Trustco	30	30
Seagram	48⅛	48⅛
Steel Co	23⅝	23⅛
Thomson N 'A'	44⅛	44⅛
Walker Hiram	24	24⅛
WCT	13⅛	13⅛

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8	Extel	
9	Jones & Shipman	
10	GEI Int	
	MOTORS AND AIRCRAFT	
11	Lookers	
12	Ford Motor	
13	General Motor	
14	Kenning Motor	
15	E.R.F.	
16	Jessups	
17	Lex	
18	Glanfield Lawrence	
19	Dunlop	
20	Lucas	
	ELECTRICALS	
21	Systems Designers	
22	Ferranti	
23	Plessey	
24	BSR	
25	Western Selection	
26	Resource Tech	
27	Electronic Rentals	
28	Fidelity	
29	Cable & Wireless	
30	Farnell Elect	
	OIL	
31	Atlantic Resources	
32	Charterhouse Pet	
33	Texas (L)	
34	Aran Energy	
35	Burmah	
36	TR Energy	
37	Bula Resources	
38	Ultramar	
39	IC Gas	
40	Goal Pet	
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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Market firm at the close

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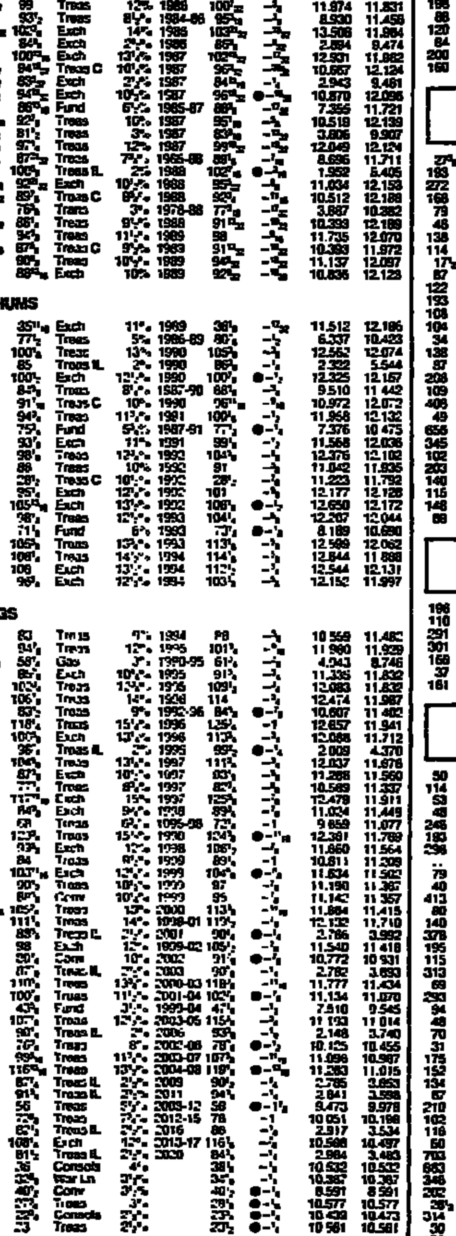
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183	121	Hambros		158	..	8.3	5.2	16.5
16	9	Do (30p)		£13	..	62.9	6.4	13.8
350	235	Hill Samuel	†	303	−2	15.0	5.0	8.8
70	45½	HK Shanghai		62	..	4.3b	6.9	..
313	228½	Joseph (Leopold)	●	238	−5	16.1	6.8	12.5
164	124	King & Shaxson		142	−4	11.8	8.3	12.0
480	382	Kleinwort Benson		378	−2	17.9	4.7	9.5
532	422	Lloyds	●	452	−2	34.9	7.7	3.9
65	49	Lon Scot Fin		54	−1	3.8	7.0	10.5
42	27	Manson		28	..	1.4	5.1	..
510	428	Mercury Secs		448	+5	16.4	3.7	9.4
429	277	Midland	●	317	..	36.4	11.5	5.2
185	110	Minster Assets		162	..	7.1	4.4	14.8
255	193	National Comm		213	..	..	..	..
595	420	Nat West	†	477	..	36.2	7.6	3.7
65½	57	Ottoman		263	..	450	7.1	9.5
182	144	Provident		169	+6	13.6	8.0	7.2
100	72½	Rea Bros	●	96	..	1.8	1.9	31.1
20⅞	14	Royl Bnk Of Can		216½	+⅛	..	..	..
245	194	Royl Bnk Of Scot		226	−3	11.8	4.8	6.1
905	625	Schroders		675	..	23.8	3.5	11.3
370	280	Seccombe M		350	+10	28.6	8.2	11.5
71	48	Smith St Aubyn		60	−2	6.4	10.7	5.5
579	442	Stand Chart	●	457	..	40.0	8.8	6.4
785	612	Union		663	−10	48.6	7.3	10.6
57	42	Wagon	●	51	..	3.9	7.7	13.8
31 15/16	23¾	Wells Fargo		£31 15/16	+⅞	..	..	..
255	185	Wintrust	●	215	..	6.1	2.9	14.5

BUILDING AND ROADS

1984 High	Low	Company		Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
202	158	Aberdeen Constr		160	..	9.3	5.8	8.1
249	185	Amec		220	−3	15.0	6.8	9.0
78	50	Amdiffe		52	-	3.8	7.3	8.8
120	80	Atwoods		96	..	3.8	4.0	19.7
338	233	BPB Industries		288	−2	10.0	3.8	9.5
182	122	Baggeridge Brick		182	..	8.0	6.3	8.4
188	82	Barratt Devs		86	..	10.9	12.7	4.3
45	27	Bailey (Ben) Constr		35	..	2.3	6.5	8.0
..	..	Beechwood	f	..	..	..	..	..
164	118	Bellway		135	−2	10.0	7.4	7.8
73	53	Benford Concrete	●	59	..	5.4	9.1	13.4
64	43	Bett Bros		57	.	4.1	7.1	15.0
560	390	Blockleys		590	..	22.1	4.0	14.2
450	358	Blue Circle	●	403	..	27.1	6.7	6.6
218	192	Breedon&Cloud Hill		202	..	12.0	5.9	18.0
64	46	Brickhouse Dudley		58	.	4.6	7.9	13.9
71	47	Br Dredging		57	+1	2.9	5.0	13.0
23	16	Brown&Jackson		19	..	..	..	13.1
69	58	Brownlee		62	..	5.0	8.1	8.6
78	50	Bryant		59	−1	3.1	5.3	8.4
220	125	Burnett & Hallam		145	+10	12.5	8.6	12.9
150	148	Cakebread Robey		148	..	4.3	2.9	20.0
68	49	Carr (J) Doncaster		52	−1	1.9	3.6	8.8
59¼	47½	Cement-Roadstone		52	−½	1.0	1.9	..
64	44	Conder Int	●	48		1.1	2.2	4.9
318	234	Costain		296		19.3	6.5	7.1
240	174	Countryside	●	188	.	6.8	3.7	6.5
93	68	Crouch (Derek)		78	−4	7.2	9.2	6.1
..	..	Crouch Group	f	..	..	..	..	..
108	68	Dew (George)	●	68	+2	8.1	12.0	9.3
68	59	Douglas (RM)		58	..	2.5	4.5	11.3
88	64	Erith		67	..	3.8	5.7	10.8
120	95	Feb		98	..	3.8	3.8	11.3
118	83	Do 'A'		85	..	3.8	4.4	9.9
107	75	Finlan (John)		75	−3	6.0	8.0	0.1
154	110	French Kier		116	−1	8.0	6.9	6.7
60	37	Galliford		43	−2	4.3	10.0	6.1
110	105	Gibbs & Dandy Ord		105	..	2.0	1.9	0.2
192	163	Gleeson (MJ)		181	..	6.6	3.7	9.0
123	65	HAT	●	113	..	4.7	4.2	12.2
53	18	Helical Bar		30	..	..	..	6.1
41	30	Howden-Stuart		31	+1	1.9	6.1	7.4
161	116	Heywood Williams	●	116	−1	8.1	7.0	4.9
330	230	Higgs & Hill		265	..	15.7	5.9	7.5
147	110	IDC		133	−4	9.6	7.2	13.5
247	162	Ibstock Johnsen		244	+2	7.9	3.2	16.2
305	220	Jarvis (J) & Sons		236	..	25.0	10.6	7.3
229	137	Laing (J)		206	..	7.1	3.5	7.7
229	136	Do 'A'		205	..	7.1	3.5	7.7
244	198	Lawrence (Walter)		202	..	14.6	7.2	4.5
161	71	Leech (William)		105	+8	5.7	5.4	10.9
91	63	Lilley (F J C)		72	..	5.2	7.2	6.7
180	156	Lovell (Y J)	●	180	+2	7.5	4.2	8.0
180	104	Magnet & South		132	−2	6.7	5.1	9.3
179	143	Manders		160	−2	10.0	6.3	8.0
240	185	Marchwiel	●	210	..	13.6	6.5	7.0

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BRITISH FUNDS



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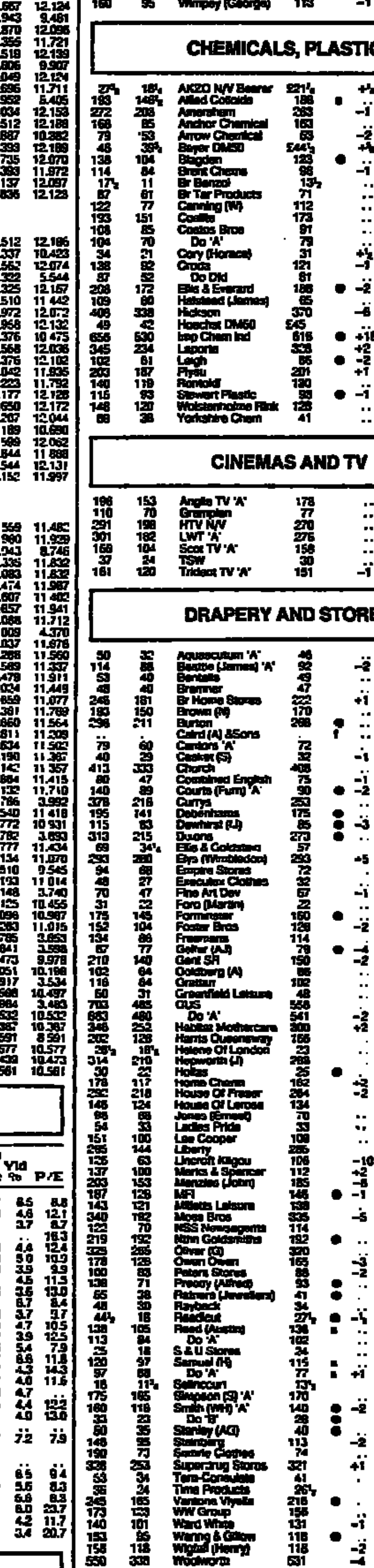
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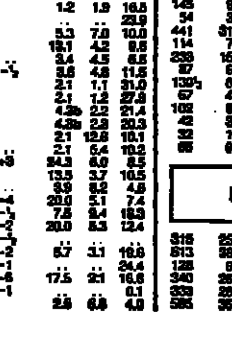
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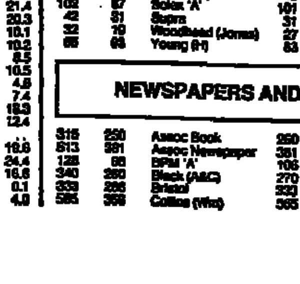
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INSURANCE

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MOTORS AND AIRCRAFT

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NEWSPAPERS AND PUBLISHERS

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OIL

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OVERSEAS TRADERS

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Spirit of competition that won a place in the Olympics

Small men from Enterprise Valley take road to the top



Some of Britain's most isolated industrial villages and valleys may have to adapt to a life without coal. Could they learn some lessons from an obscure valley in central Italy, where a combination of self-help, solidarity, government loans and advice has brought new prosperity and ambitions in a few years? John Earle reports.

A small clothing manufacturer in the Val Vibrata, in Italy, was watching a lunchtime television show, at which the guest of honour was a leading Italian fashion designer. The designer was wearing a particularly striking sweater.

The manufacturer got his staff working that evening on "redesigning" the sweater, and the following day it was ready to go into production.

The manufacturer is Signor Antonio Angelini, president of the consortium for the development of the Val Vibrata. The valley in Abruzzo, Northernmost region of the Mezzogione, Italy's backward south, comprises 12 local authorities, with 1,602 small industrial companies employing 11,430 people and recording a total annual turnover of L1,100 billion (£475m). They mostly make clothing, leatherwear and accessories, and furniture.

The economy is still partly submerged, but during the last 20 years it has been emerging increasingly above the surface of full legality.

Typically, a plant will have been set up by two or three workers who broke away from their previous work and formed nucleus, drawing on family or cottage labour.

But despite such humble beginnings there have been some remarkable developments.

The largest company in the valley, which employs 180, sells 90 per cent of its products in Italy. In spite of this, it won exclusive rights from Los Angeles to make Olympic labelled bags for the Italian, Swiss and Greek markets.

A knitwear manufacturer with only 22 workers and 38 small, outside contractors also forged an Olympic link. The company, which buys Shetland wool and knits it into far from traditional patterns, sponsored the Zaire basketball teams at Los Angeles.

The quality of the valley's skills has been recognized by a number of internationally-known fashion and clothing houses.

The knitwear company, for example, sells outfits to one of them for L30,000 (£13). The famous house sells them at L150,000.

Local businesses claim that Valentino, Versace, Benetton, Jesus and Wrangler jeans, Ellesse, Les Copains and, in accessories, Gucci, have been among their customers. About half the valley's output is subcontracted from other companies.

Now the locals want to establish their own markets, particularly abroad. They feel exploited when a well-known house buys cheaply from them and sells for a big profit. Some also fear being undercut by cheaper suppliers in the Far East. The development consortium's campaign includes a Val Vibrato trade mark, a small annual trade fair at Nereto in the valley, and promotional initiatives abroad, notably in Britain, Canada, Japan and Greece.

In July, the Italian Trade Institute in London invited prospective buyers such as Harrods, Debenhams, Austin Reed, Horne, with smaller companies to meetings with representatives from the valley. A common British reaction, according to one of those present, was that the British prefer cheaper quality clothing. Nevertheless, they hope to follow up the contacts in the autumn.

Why has this valley taken off economically? Historically, the local people say, the system of share cropping bred a peasant with an independent, entrepreneurial outlook.

A commercial spirit comes from the times when the valley was the northern outpost of the Bourbon kingdom of Naples, marching with the Pope's domains, and their ancestors engaged in frontier trading and smuggling. There are no large towns, and no urban proletariat, but workers come from families still linked to the land.

Clothing manufacture has developed from family loom industries, based on silkworm breeding a century ago and known for wedding trousseaux. Leatherware is a post-war activity. Furniture making derives from carpenters who used to fashion the abruzzi timber into tables. This sector faces the problem of a fall-off in orders from the Middle East, its main export market.

The authorities, keen to develop the south, support companies starting up through public bodies such as IASM (consultancy) and Italtrade (marketing).

Among the larger companies in the valley is a shirtmaker which was founded in 1975 by three workers who left a factory immobilized by a sit-in. They started with 32 workers and capital of L50m (then £33,000). Trade unions agreed to accept wages 30 per cent below the minimum of the national labour contract. The government gave a L380m soft loan and a L340m capital grant – some of which is yet to be paid.

The company now has 120 workers, and seven partners own the business which has a daily output of between 1,400 and 1,500 shirts.

Another of the larger businesses is a furniture maker founded by three workers who broke away from a company in the area. It has recently opened a third plant at a cost of L5 billion, bringing the workforce to 135. Group annual turnover is L20 billion. About 45 per cent of output is exported, mainly to the Middle East. Now the company plans to abolish stockholding with the help of a computer.

The main spirit behind the valley's development consortium, and first president, is Signor Angelini, aged 55, a Communist who set up a small knitwear company 22 years ago. After the first oil shock in 1973, he says, the interest charged him by the local savings bank shot up from 4.75 to 18 per cent. This, in defence, set him on the path of getting businesses to work together.

He laughs when asked if it is not a contradiction that he, as a Communist, should have his own company and promote capitalism in the valley, saying: "Italy is the land of contradictions".

This was just the criticism of a visiting Soviet delegation but, he points out, what he is doing is not so different from what is being done in Hungary and China. He concludes: "The main point is that one should move towards a society which is more just".

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

● LEYS FOUNDRIES AND ENGINEERING: Subsidiary of Williams Holdings. Six months to June 30. (Figures in £000). Turnover 8,610 (16,860). Pretax profit 297 (loss 572). Tax 10 (3). Extraordinary charges (redundancy and reorganization costs) 1,718 (1,938).

● EIS GROUP: Six months to June 30. (Figures in £000). Turnover 22,876 (18,975). Pretax profit 2,028 (1,751). Tax 521 (281). Minorities 2 (nil). Earnings per share 8.139p (9.108p).

● CONSOLIDATED PLANTATIONS: Group net profit ringgit 93.3m (127.3m) for year to June 30, on turnover of 316.2m (204.4m). Group profit includes extraordinary gain of 12.4m (97.9m). Final dividend 18 cents gross (8.4) payable on November 2 to shareholders registered on September 28, making total 26 cents (10). Earnings per share 17.2 cents (6.3).

● WACE GROUP: Six months to June 30. No interim dividend (nil) on ordinary or preferred shares. Figures in £000. Turnover 2,368 (2,060). Operating profit 213 (175). Exceptional expenditure 27 (179). Interest payable 61 (81). Pre and post-tax profit 125 (loss 85). Extraordinary expenditure 48 (nil) – cost of rights issue. Earnings per share 2.8p (loss 2.2p). Shares 31 up 5.

● RICARDO CONSULTING ENGINEERS: Final 1.625p making 2.5p (2.5p for year to June 30). Figures in £000. Revenue 11,338 (10,888). Operating profit, 1511 (1477). Pretax profit 1,630 (1,616) including interest received 119 (139). Extraordinary debit 91 (nil) deferred tax provision arising as a result of the changes in tax legislation. Earnings per share 7.1p (8.1p) adjourned. Shares unchanged at 102.

● F. COPSON: Dividend 1.5p (same) for year to April 30. Group turnover £6.559m (£6.858m), excluding vat and inter-company sales. Pretax profit £190,280 (£189,736). Tax £43,195 (£58,203). Minority £3,251 (£4,667). Eanings per share 4p (3.52p). Shares unchanged a 30.

APPOINTMENTS

Jardine names new director

Jardine, Matheson and Co: Mr **Rodney Leach** has joined the board. He is chairman of Jardine Insurance Broking Group and Matheson Trust Co and a director of various other group companies.

Good Relations Group: Mr **Kenneth Andrew** has been made chief executive of Good Relations City and a member of the group board.

Ladies Pride: Mr **Norman Selsdon** has been appointed a director. Mr **John van Wyenbergh** has resigned his directorship.

Henlys: Mr **Michael E. Doherty** has become a director and Messrs **E. C. Brown, J. C. M. Greig, E. R. Hazlehurst, R. W. Heley** and **P. J. Hughes**, non-executive directors, have resigned.

Taylor Woodrow International: Mr **Walter Hogbin** has been made deputy chairman in addition to his duties as managing director.

Royal Bank of Scotland: Mr **A. George Pollard**, an executive director with Williams & Glyn's Bank, has been made a director.

Northern Telecom: Mr **Robert J. Richardson** has joined the board.

Bath and Portland Group: Mr **A. Patrick Hall** has been appointed to the board as chief executive of its construction division, in which capacity he will be responsible for the building, property development and building products activities within the group.

Massey-Ferguson: Mr **William A. Corbett** has been made a director

Salter Housewares: Mr **John Hampton** has become managing director, taking over from Mr **Ron Newlan**, who becomes chairman and assumes responsibility for Allstar GmbH in Germany.

John Menzies: Mr **C. B. Lascelles** has been appointed deputy chairman. Mr **T. P. Callaghan** becomes managing director in succession to Mr **Douglas MacDonald** who has accepted an appointmemt in Switzerland and resigned from the board.

Alexander Howden Underwriting: Mr **Nigel Robson** has been made chairman. He succeeds Mr John A. Bogardus, chairman and CEO Alexander & Alexander Services Inc. – parent company of the Howden Group.

Arthur Andersen & Co, Management Consultants: Mr **David Andrews** and Mr **Nigel Backwith** have been admitted into partnership.

Russell Reynolds Associates: Mr **Robert Dix**, Mr **David Handerson**, Mr **Michael Lehmann** and Mr **Alan Winton** become directors.

IMI Bailey Birkett: Mr **Stephen N. Rowley** has been appointed technical director

The Baldwin Group: Mr **Philip Barber** becomes ficancial director.

UKF Fertilisers: Mr **Gerrit van Ling** has taken over as managing director. He succeeds Mr **William van Asselt** who becomes the commercial director of the UKF Group based in Utrecht, Holland.

James Finlay: Mr **A. S. Mortimer** has been appointed a non-executive director. Mr Mortimer remains managing director of S. H. Lock & Company (Holdings).

Authorized Units & Insurance Funds

1983/84 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
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CRICKET

Nottinghamshire reach point of no return

By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent

HOVE: Sussex have scored 266 for four against Nottinghamshire.

If the county championship, sponsored by Britannic Assurance, seemed to be Nottinghamshire's for the taking when play started yesterday, it was far from that at the close. By putting Sussex in, Nottinghamshire forfeited an advantage rather than gaining one. Only one bonus point for bowling came their way, and it is not a pitch on which they will find batting easy. All of which is good news for Essex.

Rice is not the sort of man to make mistakes. When he chose to field it was in anticipation, I imagine, of favours for the faster bowlers, and these were not forthcoming. It is a dry, rather grassless pitch. As often as not, even Hadlee had a job to make the ball rise stump high. He could swing it, but his line was not as good as it usually is, and when, in his opening spell, he pitched short, Mendis was quick to hook him.

However, the ball is already turning, albeit slowly. Hemmings and Bore bowled a good deal, but determined batting, especially by Parker, and the pace of the pitch prevented them from repeating their success of last week, when they bowled Northamptonshire out twice in a day.

Sussex are in a mood to give nothing away. To this day, it rankles with them that Nottinghamshire, when on the point of defeat, left the field for poor light against them at Trent Bridge in 1981. At the time the sides were neck and neck at the top of the championship, won in the end by Nottinghamshire, with Sussex runners-up. For all that, Sussex's own decision to come off for bad light yesterday, with 13 overs left and the runs starting to flow, seemed pusillanimous, quite apart from being tactically questionable.

All day a cold wind blew down the ground. The deckchairs at the northern end were where to sit. Out of the sun, it was bitter. After Nottinghamshire's twelfth man had been kept busy in the first hour bringing out extra sweaters, Cooper, replacing Hadlee, took the one wicket of the morning when he got a ball to fly at Mendis.

French, who took the catch behind the wicket, was one of those being closely watched by Alec Bedser, with the tour of India in mind. Robinson, Broad's opening partner for Nottinghamshire, and Colin Wells were others. Perhaps Hemmings too.

There is no county like Sussex for producing brothers who play in the same side. The Busses were the last. Before that were John and Jim Langridge, and Jim Parks and Harry – Jim being the father of young Jim. Yesterday, Colin Wells's brother Alan, made a robust 59. Both in their early and burly twenties, they are starting to make quite an impact.

Alan went to his thousand runs for the season for the first time, with some rousing strokes in front of the wicket, some made from down the pitch. Colin, who replaced him at 199 for three, had to be in a hurry. If Sussex were get a third batting point he would have to do it for them; but after a sortie or two he was leg-before trying to hit Bore to leg.

On a slow pitch, it is not going to be an easy game for either side to win, even if Hadlee should do something outrageous. However, until they scuttled off at six o'clock Sussex could be well pleased with the way things had gone. This time last year Parker must have despaired of his form; but that is all behind him now. It is a lovely, rewarding game again, his bat a part of him. India could, in fact be just his scene, with no fast bowling to unsettle him and a need for brilliant fielders.

Having held off Nottinghamshire's spinners, Parker produced a flurry of fine strokes when Hadlee and Saxelby took the new ball. Our most venerable selector will not have seen many better innings by an Englishman this summer than Parker's, or been more surprised when, rather than keeping Nottinghamshire on the run, Parker and his captain, after giving it some thought, accepted the umpire's offer to leave the field. Where there is a will, there is usually light enough, as we saw in the NatWest at Lord's last Saturday, and it was positively bright at Hove last night compared with that.

SUSSEX: First innings

G D Mendis c French b Cooper	28
A M Green l-b-w b Hadlee	[illegible]
P W G Parker not out	[illegible]
A P Wells c French b Hemmings	59
C M Wells l-b-w b Bore	14
*J R T Barclay not out	[illegible]
Extras	[illegible]
Total (4 wkts)	266

I A Greig, I J Gould, G S le Roux, A N Jones and C E Waller to bat.

Score at 100 overs: 232 for 4.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-48, 2-95, 3-199, 4-213.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: B C Broad, R T Robinson, D W Randall, *C E B Rice, P Johnson, R J Hadlee, †B N French, E E Hemmings, K Saxelby, K E Cooper and M K Bore.

Bonus points (to date): Sussex 2, Nottinghamshire 1.

Umpires: D G L Evans and M J Kitchen.

Jesty signs contract

Hampshire are releasing three uncapped bowlers, Emery, Malone and Hussain, at the end of the season but have offered a new two year contract to Jesty, who was unsettled after having recently been passed over for the captaincy for a second time.


Parker: bound for India? (Photograph: Chris Cole)

ATHLETICS

Kazankina's dope test refusal casts doubts on Soviet honesty

From Pat Butcher Paris

A silver trophy lying on an empty dinner table, while restaurant staff cleared away the athletes' banquet debris, was a incongruous as Tatyana Kazankina's refusal to take a dope test after running 5,000 metres in a mediocre time, in front of a smallish crowd in pouring rain, at a suburban stadium in Paris two nights ago.

For her refusal, which could not only get Mrs Kazankina, the greatest athlete in the 20-year history of women's track middle distance running, banned for life, could also affect Soviet participation in next year's grand prix circuit.

The trophy had been bound for Mrs Kazankina, who had won her debut 5,000 metres in 15min 23.12sec, at the inaugural race of that distance in the Paris meeting. But she and the head of the Soviet delegation, whose name was given, reluctantly, as Antipenko, the man who had vociferously backed her refusal, had fled the banquet, when rumours of the affair began to be substantiated.

With the attendance of Pierre Dasriaux, secretary of the European Athletic Association, John Holt, general secretary of the IAAF and Robert Stinson, treasurer of the IAAF, there could barely have been a higher ranking selection of administrators to explain the import of Mrs Kazankina's refusal to Mr Antipenko, who tried to explain this actions to Holt yesterday morning, in terms of his inexperience as an official accompanying Soviet athletes abroad.

But, since he had already told Stinson, who had the task of choosing the eight events and placings for the random dope testing, that he had been involved in Soviet sport since 1952, that he had made it "crystal clear", even through the interpreter, that Mrs Kazankina had to take the test. Stinson will now write a report, which will go before te next IAAF Council meeting in November.

It was a shabby ending to the post-Olympic European tour, and it would be a shabby end to Mrs Kazankina's glittering career, if she were to be banned; even if "life" sentence was commuted to 18 months.

She was 1976 Olympic 800 metres and 1500 metres champion, holding the world records at the same time. She lost the 800 metres title and world record when she did not contest that distance in Moscow, but she successfully defended her 1500 metres title, and set a superlative world record of 3min 52.47sec a month later.

Having a second child, and then getting injured, kept her off the track for much of 1981-82. But she got back to the highest level during the East European boycott of the Olympics, when she ran just over 5min 20sec for 2,000 metres, a time which is unlikely to be beaten before that distance becomes officially recognized for world record purposes on April 1, 1985.

Eleven days ago in Leningrad, she took four seconds off the 3,000 metres world record, running 8min 22.62sec. Now, if the dope test that she will have taken after that performance – for any record to be ratified nowadays a test is obligatory – is pronounced clear, her refusal to submit to such a test in Paris is obviously going to raise doubts about either the efficacity or the honesty of Soviet dope testing procedures.

Holt expressed fears for Soviet participation in next year's grand prix circuit, "after we have done so much to convince the Eastern bloc countries of the efficacity of athletics funds system for payment. I honestly think this whole affair is the mistake of an official who is totally inexperienced in regard to athletics."

Kazankina: record refused

On a much more hopeful note, Said Aouita, relaxed, after winning in 3min 34.13sec, runs the mile at Crystal Palace tomorrow evening and hopes that Steve Cram will do so too.

Aouita maintains that Sebastian Coe avoided meeting him in Zurich two weeks ago, and he hopes that the admiration that he freely expresses for Cram will help convince the British Olympic 1,500 metres silver medal winner to line up against the man he beat into third place when winning the world *championship 1,500 metres* last year.

Officials for the International Athletes Club, who are organizing this final meeting on the European independent circuit for this year, were hoping yesterday, as firmly as Aouita, that his wish would come true. Cram's mile race against Steve Ovett last year gave a cathartic ending to what has become a tired end of season. The meeting of Cram and Aouita would do exactly the same this year.

Mountains to climb for Kenyans

Nairobi (Reuter) – Kenya, disappointed at winning only one gold and two bronze medals at the Olympics, have set up a sports committee to seek out talent in an attempt to improve the country's record in international competitions. The International Competitions Committee (ICC), which comprises 18 members including Kip Keino, will also monitor closely the athletics careers of Kenya's present sportsmen.

They believe that the country's high altitude central mountain region is a reservoir of natural talent and hope the area will produce successors to their great athletes of the past, such as Keino, Rono, Boit, Biwott and Kiprogut.

Cost of being hosts

The success of the commercially-sponsored Olympic Games in Los Angeles may produce a timely spin-*off for the organizers of the 1986* Commonwealth Games, in Edinburgh.

Blair Grosset, who was yesterday named as the first chief executive of the Commonwealth Games organizing committee, admitted that the Olympics should help to sell the Edinburgh event to potential sponsors. A total of £15m must be found, largely through private enterprise, to cover the costs of staging the games in the Scottish capital, in two years time.

Grosset said: "Things have picked up considerably since Los Angeles. The impact of the television coverage from America has apparently not been lost on major sponsors and I am sure people will want their products attached to the Commonwealth Games. Any uncertainty surround*ing the Games has now been* removed and we have the complete support of all the member countries."

An advertising consortium will be given the task of raising the bulk of the financial costs of the Games. A deal was signed yesterday with Edinburgh-based Crawford Hall Associates in conjunction with a Glasgow firm, Arthur Young McClelland and Moores. The Organizers hope to raise £1½m from a national cash appeal to be launched next week.

Grosset added: "A budget of £750,000 was sufficient to mount the 1970 Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh but this time it is £15m."

Compelling innings by Morris

By Peter Ball

LEICESTER: Derbyshire scored 431 all out against Leicestershire.

End of season light-headenness can strike in the most unlikely way. While Leicestershire's bowlers seemed overcome by lassitude, its effect on Derbyshire's batsmen was an invigorating one, John Morris scoring a career-best 135 as that usually solid breed raced to a fourth batting point with 18 of the 100 overs remaining.

Forty-six runs came off the first six overs from the wayward Agnew and Parsons, the sight of Hill keeping pace with Barnett suggesting that something wxtraordinary was afoot. The introduction of Clift appeared to restore sanity as he promptly removed Barnett, but instead that opened the way to the arrival of Morris and a greater onslaught, lunch arriving with the score a most unlikely 182 for two.

Morris, a 20-year-old from Crewe, has no reputation for dourness, and his innings confirmed his rich promise. One of the bright spots in a depressing summer for England has been the signs that a new generation of English batsmen is beginning to emerge.

It is doubtful, however, if any have a wider range of strokes than he displayed as he dominated partnerships of 121 for the second wicket with Hill, 32 for the third with Fowler and 54 for the fourth with Hamsphire. He did not give a chance until after reaching his hundred in 140 minutes, which contained 15 fours, most of them glorious shots.

Agnew and Clift were hooked savagely; Agnew crashed imperiously on the up through the covers as 20 were taken off one eight-ball over; Clift was straight driven off the front foot and back foot with disdain. When Cook appeared Morris lofted him over the top and at the first sight of a short ball cut him forcefully.

Almost his only bad stroke ended his innings as he heaved wildly across the line in search of his twentieth boundary. With Agnew at last finding some hostility in his afternoon spell Derbyshire underwent a minor collapse, but Finney and Miller quicky righted things.

Finney departed, misjudging Clift's slower ball, but there was no relief for Leicestershire. Miller went on remorselessly to notch an accomplished 77 in company with Taylor, who was applauded all the way to the wicket on his last appearance at Grace Road and survived his partner to end with an undefeated 41, a worthy farewell.

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings

*K J Barnett b Clift	19
A Hill c Whitticase b Willey	51
J E Morris b Cook	135
W P Fowler b Clift	8
J H Hampshire c Parsons b Agnew	19
B Roberts b Cook	4
G Miller c Cook b Parsons	77
R J Finney c Boon b Clift	32
D G Moir c Cook b Agnew	1
†R W Taylor not out	41
O H Mortensen c Whitaker b Parsons	9
Extras (b 1, l-b 9, n-b 15)	25
Total	431

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-48, 2-169, 3-203, 4-257, 5-260, 6-273, 7-334, 8-346, 9-419, 10-431.

Score at 100 overs: 387 for 8

BOWLING: Agnew 20-1-102-2; Parsons 20.2-0-93-2; Clift 27-2-97-3; Cook 36-7-95-2; Willey 10-3-19-1.

LEICESTERSHIRE: I P Butcher, J C Balderstone, *D I Gower, P Willey, T J Boon, J J Whitaker, P B Clift, G J Parsons, N G B Cook, †P Whitticase and J P Agnew.

Bonus points: (to date) Leicestershire 3, Derbyshire 4.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

County championship
Start 11.00
CARDIFF: Glamorgan v Warwickshire
BRISTOL: Gloucestershire v Somerset
LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Derbyshire
LORD'S: Middlesex v Kent
HOVE: Sussex v Nottinghamshire
WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Northamptonshire
SCARBOROUGH: Yorkshire v Hampshire
SECOND ELEVEN CHAMPIONSHIP: Chelmsford: Essex v Surrey; Southampton: Hampshire v Middlesex; Old Trafford: Lancashire v Glamorgan; Edgbaston: Warwickshire v Yorkshire.

FOOTBALL
CENTRAL LEAGUE: Second division: Wigan Athletic v Leicester City (7.30).

Late arrival at Lord's leads to Edmonds being punished

By Marcus Williams

Phil Edmonds, the former England left-arm spin bowler, was dropped by Middlesex for disciplinary reasons from the current match against Kent. Edmonds said that he had been omitted because he reported 15 minutes late for Saturday's NatWest Trophy final, but the county said that this was "not the full story".

Edmonds, who is Middlesex's leading wicket-taker this season (75 at 27 apiece) including a career-best eight for 53 a fortnight ago) and is being talked of as a candidate for England's winter tour of India, claimed at Lord's yesterdy that his late arrival was interpreted as indicating a lack of support for the captian, Mike Gatting.

But he added: "I deny this. I am 100 per cent behind this team. My late arrival was a misunderstanding. I thought the reporting time was an hour before the start." Edmonds played an important late role as a bateman in Middlesex's victory on Saturday, although he bowled only five expensive overs and appeared to be at loggerheads with his captain on the field.

In response to Edmond's statement Tim Lamb, the Middlesex secretary, said: "Phil's version of *why he is suspended is not the full* story. There is more to it that that. However, we do not wish to enlarge on the circumstances at the moment because we feel that is in the best interests of the player and the club."

A forthright character, Edmonds was made vice-captain of Middlesex in 1980 after his name had been linked with several other counties, but he held the post for only one season and was passed over when a successor to Brearley was appointed for 1983. A Cambridge Blue from 1971 to 1973, he first played for Middlesex in 1971 and was capped in 1974.

● David Thomas, the Surrey bowler, has been fined and suspended for one match by the club for "unacceptable" behaviour in the *John Player League match against* Nottinghamshire last Sunday. He twice ran up to bowl without releasing the ball, knocked the stumps down in what appeared to be a show of temper and was spoken to by the umpire and warned about his conduct.


Edmonds (left) and Thomas: both in their counties' bad books

Middlesex toil for their runs

By Marcus Williams

LORD'S: Middlesex have scored 272 for nine against Kent.

After the epic encounter between Middlesex and Kent in the NatWest Trophy final on Saturday, the scenario was much altered yesterday, save that Radley (61 in 64 overs) again defied Kent and Underwood (handsomely supported by Johnson) again tormented Middlesex. By the end of a day deprived of 15 overs by rain and bad light, honours were even at three bonus points each in a match which both sides, separated by one point in third and fourth places in the championship, will be keen to win.

The crowd, unsurprisingly, was greatly smaller than on Saturday but they could buy a drink at the Tavern bar. Each team showed changes of personnel, and the weather, though generally brighter, was many degrees cooler.

It was a day when most of the batsmen got in without going on to make a sizable score. Barlow was bowled through the gate in Penn's second over for 24; Slack fell to Johnson's "arm" ball in the last over before lunch for 42; Gatting, after some typically vigorous pulls against Penn, was leg-before aiming across the line for 45 and Butcher, having taken four sweetly timed fours off two overs from Jarvis, was caught off the top edge, sweeping, for 28.

Downton met a ball from Underwood that bounced, but Radley, dropped at short mid-on when he was 15, found a stubborn partner in Emburey, and they added 61 for the sixth wicket before Emburey and Carr, replacement for the suspended Edmonds, fell to successive balls from Johnson. Radley saw Middlesex safely to their third batting point, but his vigil was ended by Underwood with the fifth ball of the 100th over.

MIDDLESEX: First Innings

G D Barlow b Penn	24
W N Slack b Johnson	42
*M W Gatting lbw b Jarvis	45
R O Butcher c Cowdrey b Underwood	28
C T Radley b Underwood	61
†P R Downton c Cowdrey b Underwood	8
J E Emburey c Ellison b Jackson	30
J D Carr lbw b Johnson	0
S P Hughes not out	17
N G Cowans b Johnson	6
W W Daniel not out	2
Extras (b6, lb2, nb1)	9
Total (9 wkts)	272

Score at 100 overs: 262 for 8.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-44, 2-112, 3-116, 4-147, 5-163, 6-224, 7-224; 8-262, 9-269.

KENT: L Potter, M R Benson, *C J Tavaré, D G Aslett, C S Cowdrey, R M Ellison, G W Johnson, C Penn, †S Marsh, D L Underwood and K B S Jarvis.

Bonus points (to date): Middlesex 3, Kent 3.

Umpires: R Julien and B Leadbeater.

YESTERDAY'S OTHER SCOREBOARDS

Worcs v Northants

AT WORCESTER

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings

*G Cook, b Inchmore	9
W Larkins, c Humphries, b Pridgeon	0
R J Boyd-Moss, b Ellcock	63
A J Lamb, b Inchmore	0
R G Williams, c d'Oliveira, b Ellcock	169
†R J Bailey, run out	35
D J Chapel, c Humphries, b Weston	12
D S Steele, c d'Oliveira, b Patel	16
G Sharp, c Ellcock, b Patel	0
N A Mallender, not out	8
Extras (b 2, l-b 16, w 4, n-b 8)	30
Total (9 wkts dec)	342

B J Griffiths did not bat

Score at 100 overs: 314 for 8

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-39, 3-39, 4-125, 5-205, 6-272, 7-314, 8-314, 9-342.

BOWLING: Ellcock, 17-1-68-2; Pridgeon, 21-3-64-1, Inchmore, 17-4-37-2; Newport, 16-3-56-0; Weston, 16-5-35-1; Patel, 22-9-54-2

WORCESTERSHIRE: T S Curtis, M J Weston, D M Smith, D N Patel, *P A Neale, D B d'Oliveira, †D J Humphries, P J Newport, J D Inchmore, R M Ellcock and A P Pridgeon

Bonus points (to date): Worcestershire 3, Northamptonshire 4

Umpires: H D Bird and D R Shepherd

No play yesterday

SCARBOROUGH: Yorkshire v Hampshire

Glamorgan v Warwicks

AT CARDIFF

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings

R I H B Dyer l-b-w b Thomas	23
K D Smith c Steele b Davis	2
A I Kallicharran c and b Steele	155
D L Amiss run out	11
†G W Humpage b Ontong	127
P A Smith l-b-w b Derrick	74
A M Ferreira not out	14
G C Small st Davis b Ontong	9
S Wall not out	4
Extras (b 3, l-b 4, w 1, n-b 11)	19
Total (7 wkts dec, 99.5 overs)	438

W Morton and N Gifford did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-6, 2-56, 3-126, 4-253, 5-400, 6-418, 7-430.

BOWLING: Davis 17.5-1-79-1; Thomas 12-2-59-1; Ontong 24-2-84-2; Derrick 15-3-69-1; Holmes 15-2-55-0; Steele 16-3-73-1.

GLAMORGAN: First Innings

J A Hopkins not out	17
A L Jones not out	22
Extras (l-b 1, w 1, n-b 3)	5
Total (no wkt, 14 overs)	44

G C Holmes, Younis Ahmed, *R C Ontong, H Morris, J F Steele, J Derrick, †T Davis, J G Thomas and W W Davis to bat.

Bonus points (to date): Glamorgan 1, Warwickshire 4.

Umpires: P J Eele and B J Meyer.

Gloucs v Somerset

AT BRISTOL

SOMERSET: first innings

N A Felton, l-b-w, b Lawrence	0
P M Roebuck, c Russell, b Lawrence	4
N F M Popplewell, c Graveney, b Shepherd	74
M D Crowe, c Russell, b Walsh	108
J W Lloyds, run out	24
*I T Botham, b Lawrence	69
V J Marks, l-b-w b, Lawrence	34
G V Palmer, b Lawrence	8
† T Gard, c Russell, b Walsh	14
S C Booth, not out	16
C H Dredge, b Shepherd	15
Extras (b 2, l-b 16, w 5, N-b 1)	24
Total	390

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-11, 3-147, 4-223, 5-223, 6-314, 7-329, 8-341, 9-362, 10-390.

Score at 100 overs: 389 for 9

BOWLING: Lawrence, 21-5-58-5; Shepherd, 20.2-3-70-2; Walsh, 1-4-61-2; Sainsbury, 18-2-79-0; Graveney, 13-2-55-0; Bainbridge, 8-3-43-0.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

A W Stovold, not out	19
A W Romaines, c Lloyds, b Dredge	7
C W J Athey, not out	1
Extras (W1)	1
Total (1 wkt, 12 overs)	28

To bat: P Bainbridge, A J Wright, J N Shepherd, R C Russell, *D A Graveney, D V Lawrence, C A Walsh and G E Sainsbury

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-17. Bonus points. (to date): Gloucestershire 4 (Somerset 4).

Umpires: D J Constant and J W Holder.

Centuries help Warwickshire to big total

After being put in to bat, Warwickshire amassed 438 for seven declared against Glamorgan at Cardiff, with Kallicharran and Humpage both scoring centuries.

Kallicharran hit 155 before being caught and bowled by Steele. He reached his century before lunch and batted for 208 minutes, hitting 26 fours. It was also his ninth first-class hundred of the season and created a new Warwickshire record.

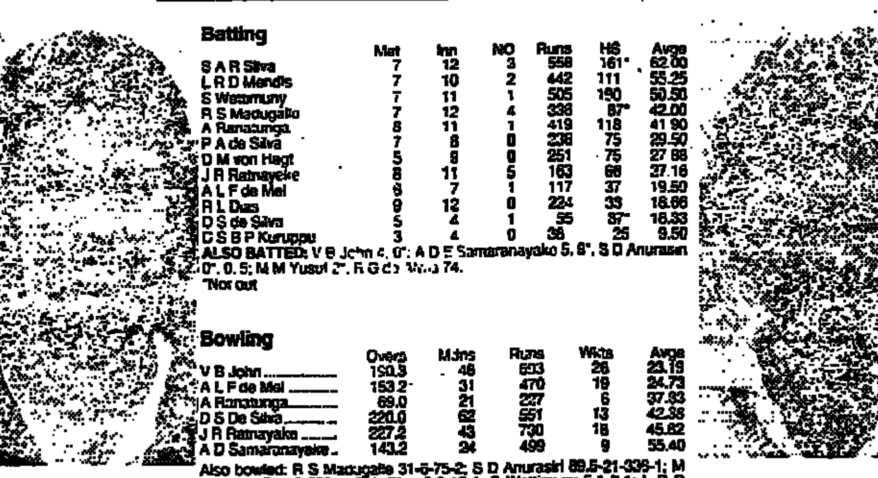
Humpage, who shared a fourth wicket stand of 147 with Paul Smith, scored 127, including 14 fours, in 223 minutes. Smith chipped in with 74 before the declaration.

Glamorgan then survived 14 overs and at the close were 44 without loss, with Hopkins on 17 and Jones on 22.

The England selector, Alam Smith, was at New Road to see the Northamptonshire batsman, Richard Williams, make a late claim for the winter trip to India, with 169 against Worcestershire.

Going in at 39 for three after Inchmore had taken two wickets in successive balls, Williams steered Northamptonshire to 342 for nine declared while sharing in successive half-century stands with Boyd-Moss (63), Bailey (35) and Capel (12).

SRI LANKAN TOUR AVERAGES



Batting

	Mat	Inn	NO	Runs	HS	Avge
S A R Silva	7	12	3	558	161*	62.00
L R D Mendis	7	10	2	442	111	55.25
S Wettimuny	7	11	1	505	190	50.50
R S Madugalle	7	12	4	336	87*	42.00
A Ranatunga	8	11	1	419	118	41.90
P A de Silva	7	8	0	236	75	29.50
D M von Hagt	5	9	0	251	75	27.88
J R Ratnayeke	8	11	5	163	68	27.16
A L F de Mel	8	7	1	117	37	19.50
R L Dias	9	12	0	224	33	18.66
D S de Silva	5	4	1	55	37*	18.33
C S B P Kuruppu	3	4	0	38	25	9.50

ALSO BATTED: V B John 4, 0*; A D E Samaranayake 5, 6*; S D Anurasiri 0*, 0, 5; M M Yusuf 2*; R G de Alwis 74.
*Not out

Bowling

	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	Avge
V B John	190.3	48	603	26	23.19
A L F de Mel	153.2	31	470	19	24.73
A Ranatunga	69.0	21	227	6	37.83
D S De Silva	220.0	62	551	13	42.38
J R Ratnayake	227.2	43	730	16	45.62
A D Samaranayake	143.2	24	499	9	55.40

Also bowled: R S Madugalle 31-6-75-2; S D Anurasiri 89.5-21-336-1; M M Yusuf 74-10-282-1; R L Dias 6-3-18-1; S Wettimony 5-1-7-1; L R D Mendis 1-0-2-0.

John: top bowler

Silva: top batsman

RUGBY LEAGUE

Amateurs rewarded

By Keith Macklin

The British Amateur Rugby League Association have won their four-year battle to have amateur clubs reinstated in the game's major professional tournaments. The Rugby League Council, meeting in Leeds yesterday offered one tournament, the John Player Trophy, during 1984-5, and the two finalists in the BALA national competition, Dudley Hill and Mysons, will compete in the preliminary round of the John Player.

The campaign by BALA has been for reinstatement in the biggest competition of all, the Challenge Cup but the John Player Trophy is a widely respected tournament and the amateurs will be delighted at this breakthrough. The last amateur club to compete were West Hull in 1980, and it will be remembered, particularly in Halifax, that an amateur club, Cawoods, knocked Halifax out of the John Player Trophy in the late 1970s.

The council members were obviously in a magnanimous mood. A second decision welcomed the first-ever woman council member since the game was founded in 1895. She is Kathy Hetherington, wife of the managing director of the new Sheffield Eagles, Gary Hetherington, who cannot be a member of the council because he is a paid employee of Sheffield Eagles.

Mrs Hetherington's appointment closely follows that of the first *woman club chairman*, Barbara Close, of Fulham.

BOXING

American to test Kaylor

Mark Kaylor, the British and Commonwealth middleweight champion, meets Irvin Hines, of United States, over 10 rounds at Wembley on September 25. Hines, from North Carolina, has a three-round knockout against Lindell Holmes to his credit, has been the distance with Wilford Scypion and has drawn with Stephan Ferrara.

The British Boxing Board of Control yesterday announced a new annual award scheme for British professional boxers. There will be four main awards: British Boxer of the Year, and Contest of the Year involving a British boxer, an *International Award, and a special* award for contributions to boxing.

JPR, a Welsh legend, looks back over a brilliant career

The pen may not be mightier than the sword of Damocles

J P R Williams opens his celebrated sports clinic this month, five years after publication of his autobiography which gave birth to the idea and resulted in his being labelled a professional. The book, chronicling the deeds of probably the greatest all-round full back the game has ever seen, should have *been the means to a glorious end.* Instead, it became a Sword of Damocles, mightier in deed than his pen. "In many ways, I regret writing it," Williams says. "I tried to do something constructive by opening a sports clinic with the proceeds and instead got criticized."

After publication Williams sued *for libel over an allegation* that he had received money from the book. In 1982, he was awarded £20,000 damages, but last year, that was withheld when an appeal court ruled that the jury had been misdirected.

"The money from the book went to the trustees of a fund for the clinic, and the rest to an agent," Williams said. "You can't write a book without signing a contract, and if you sign a contract as an amateur player, you get into trouble. I admit I am a controversial figure and I won't back down from things. But as captain of Wales at the time, I was *put up to go to court not only to* defend myself, but Welsh rugby, and indeed, world rugby.

Other players have written books and carried on playing, Peter Wheeler for instance, but nobody said a word. I am not paranoid about it, but Welsh players, probably because thay have been successful, are criticized more than others. You only have to look at the campaign waged against players like Ringer and Moriarty."

The clinic, in his home town of Bridgend, will treat sports injuries and conduct research into a neglected area of medicine. "There will be nothing quite like this", Williams said, whose three brothers, Phil, Chris and Mike, all doctors in their father's practice, will run the clinic. His wife, Scilla, also a doctor, can give specialist advice. In a few months, she completes a two year *research project for the international* board into rugby injuries.

"I don't know how many copies the book sold, or how much money it made", Williams said, "but I never received a penny. As far as the book is concerned, I am absolutely clean."




Williams's amateur status was examined three times by the Welsh Rugby Union – 1979, 1980, and again earlier this year – although his rugby is now confined to hospital, charity and Sunday matches. "For some reason I am a scapegoat. The last time they wrote to me saying that if they found I had any connexion with rugby in the future they would reopen their investigations.

"I still enjoy playing and I hope to get in a few matches this season. I am not going to be dictated to by the WRU. It is typical bureaucracy. I never needed any incentive as a player, least of all money. The competition was enough. I could not have tried any harder."

The decade of the Dragon and of JPR – he helped Wales to six triple crowns in 10 years – ended in bitter anticlimax. He had been one of the most valuable, and one of the hardest, jewels in the crown. In the 1979-80 season, as sole survivor from the class of '69, he led Wales to another triple crown and Bridgend to the WRU Cup in their centenary season.

It looked like a good time to go, and everybody assumed Williams had come to the same conclusion. But he was merely taking a breather. Eighteen months later, he reappeared against the All Blacks in Wales's centenary season, to win his 53rd cap, and equal Gareth Edwards's record.

Williams recalls: "I was asked by the selectors to be available, and I had kept fit. I wasn't in the squad to face the All Blacks, and although they were supposed to be picking the team on a Saturday night, I had a call on Sunday morning to attend training. When I turned up, it was obvious I would be playing. What surprised me was the standard of fitness. It was pathetic. It is very difficut to make a comeback at international level, but I had a particularly good game, what I regard as one of my finest performances in a poor side. If it hadn't been for myself, Terry Holmes and Bob Ackerman we would have lost by 50points."

Wales lost 23-3, and worse was to follow. He played two more matches and won his 55th and final cap in a defeat against Scotland after which he was dropped for the first time in his career.

At the age of 35, Williams is establishing himself as a top surgeon and he shortly moves to the Royal Orthopaedic Hospital, in Stanmore, to take up a one-year post. He has three young daughters, and there will be no JPR junior. "I'm not sad about that." Williams, a former Wimbledon junior champion, says. "It would have been impossible for a son to follow in my footsteps. I don't think I'm arrogant. I was an arrogant rugby player, but I had to be. I had no particular strength, I wasn't the fastest or physically the most impressive, or a great kicker. But I was very strong mentally. I never lacked confidence."

Tim Glover

TENNIS: RAIN FAILS TO INTERRUPT BRITON'S STARTLING PROGRESS

Lloyd repertoire unlikely to woo Connors into defeat

From Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent, Flushing Meadow

It couldn't have happened to a nicer guy. The cliché has come down off the shelf at Flushing Meadow these past few days. John Lloyd's unaffected charm has long made him one of the most popular men in tennis. To all that he has now added a startling advance in his level of performances. Nobody makes jokes any more about "Chris Lloyd's husband" or the "John Zaccaro of tennis". John Lloyd is a celebrity in his own right.

In the United States championships Lloyd has beaten four more highly-ranked players in consecutives matches at a total cost of only two sets. They were Peter Fleming, Libor Pimek, Johan Kriek and Hendrik Sundstrom. The last two both seeded, each won the first set but could get no further against a man whose film star looks, engaging personality, and no-nonsense approach to life as a whole and tennis in particular packs in the customers whenever he goes on court.

While Lloyd was playing Sundstrom, the umpire had to make an announcement over the public address system to let outsiders know they could not become insiders. The court's 6,000 capacity was simply not enough. "You wanna hold them, ushers?" bellowed the umpire as would-be spectators crowded up the access steps. "There are no more seats."

Lloyd is the first British player since Mark Cox, in 1966, to reach the quarter-finals of the men's singles. His next opponent, Jimmy Connors, has been champion five times (including the past two years) and has not lost a set to Lloyd in any of their three previous matches. At 32, though, Connors is not improving. At 30, Lloyd is. The match will have a peripheral theme in that Connors was once engaged to Lloyd's wife.

Lloyd's 4-6, 6-4, 6-4, 6-2 win over Sundstrom, who has a home in Fulham and served as a practice partner for this year's British Davis Cup team, spanned six hours and 53 minutes. It was twice interrupted by rain at moments particularly ill-timed for Lloyd. In the first set he was about to serve at 4-5 when they had to go off. Half an hour later Lloyd lost his service game and the set.

In the fourth set Lloyd was serving at 0-1 and 40-15 when rain again stopped play. This time the break lasted more than four hours. When the match was resumed Lloyd played such dazzling tennis that Sundstrom could scrape together only seven more points in 17 minutes.

Lloyd has never before played such consistently confident and competent tennis, though he has long been capable of brilliance in short bursts. He was runner-up for the Australian championship in 1977, has sometimes played remarkably well in the Davis Cup competition, and advanced to the last 16 in Flushing Meadow a year ago.

Like most other Swedes, Sundstrom is a methodical player at his best on surfaces slow enough to permit deliberation. He is progressing fast but lacks Lloyd's experience and assurance on such hard courts as these. Lloyd's reactions were quicker, his volleying better, and he had further advantages in his top-spun lobs and his ability to hit under or over his backhand.

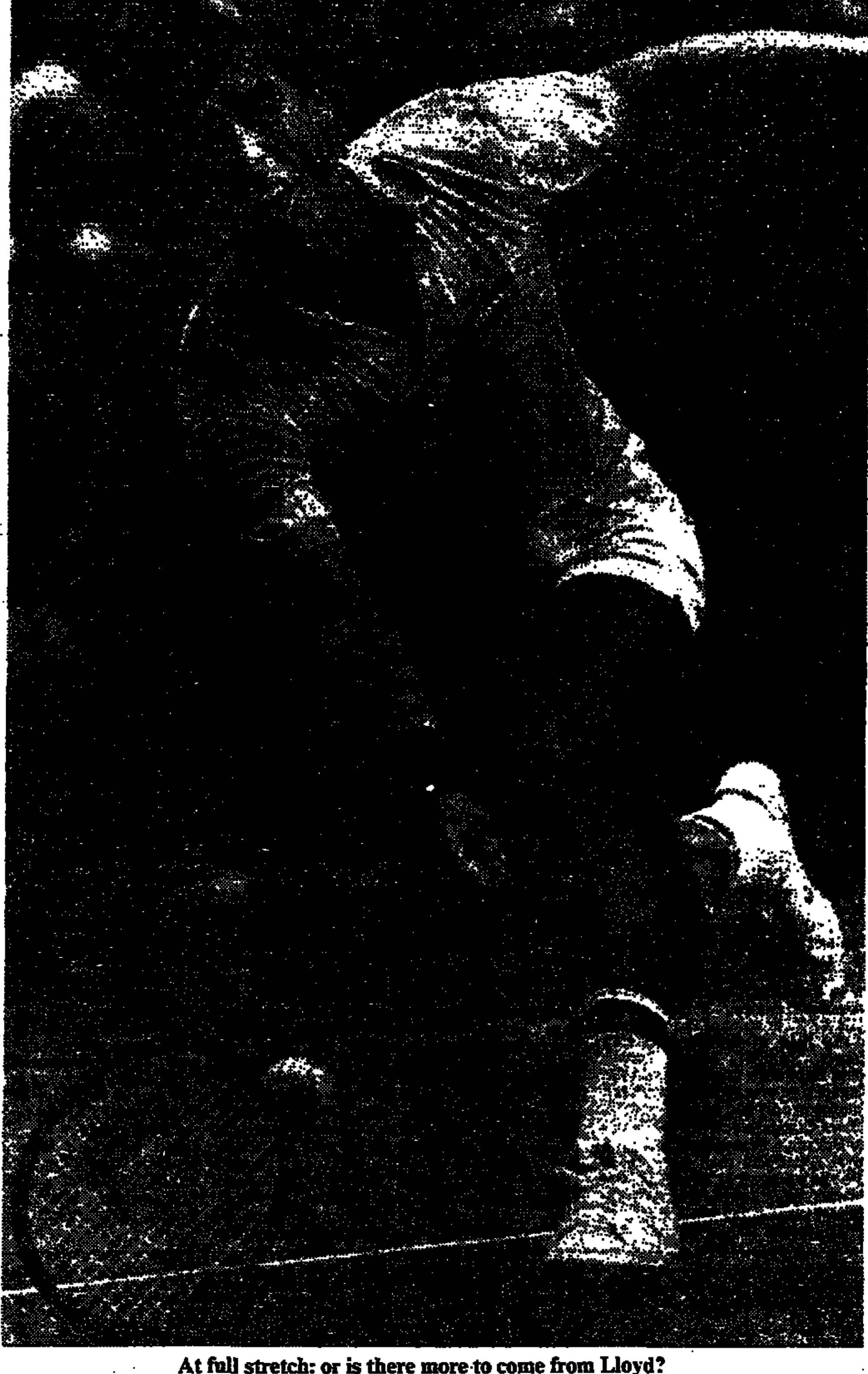
Lloyd soon realised that as long as he kept his act together, Sundstrom's game could not hurt him. It must be doubted, though, whether Lloyd is good enough to do much about Connors. Nor does it seem likely that Lloyd's tactical repertoire can be effectively extended. All we can be sure of is that Lloyd will give it his best shot, as they say over here.

The line-up for the quarters was John EcEnroe v Gene Mayer (like Lloyd, Mayer has beaten two seeds), Connors v Lloyd, Pat Cash v Mats Wilander and Andres Gomez v Ivan Lendl. Yesterday first important upset occurred in the women's singles when Carling Bassett beat the third seed, Hana Mandlikova, by 6-4, 6-3. That meant that only Sylvia Hanika and Miss Bassett stood between Chris Lloyd and the final. One way and another this is turning out to be quite a tournament for the Lloyds.

US Open results

Tuesday

MEN'S SINGLES: Fourth round: J McEnroe (US) bt R Green (US) 6-3, 6-2, 6-2; M Wilander (Swe) bt T Mayotte (US), 6-4, 6-4, 7-6; J Lloyd (GB) bt H Sundstrom (Swe), 4-6, 6-4, 6-4, 6-2; J Connors (US) bt J Nystrom (Swe), 7-6, 6-0, 6-3; G Mayr (US) bt T Smid (Cz) 6-3, 6-2, 6-3.
WOMEN'S SINGLES: Fourth round: S Hanika (WG) bt P Huber (Austria), 6-4, 7-5.
MEN'S DOUBLES: Third round: P Fleming and J McEnroe (US) bt W Fibak (Pol) and S Mayer (US), 6-1, 7-6. Quarter-finals: J Fitzgerald (Aus) and T Smid (Cz) bt S Davis and B Testerman (US), 6-4, 6-2, 7-6; H Gunthardt (Switz) and B Taroczy (Hun) bt M Edmondson (Aus) and S Stewart (US), 7-6, 4-6, 6-3, 7-6; A Jarryd and S Edberg (Swe) bt M Bauer (US) and C Motta (Brazil), 5-7 6-3, 6-3, 6-4.
WOMEN'S DOUBLES: Third round: M Navratilova and P Shriver (US) bt T Scheur-Larsen (Den) and C Tanvier (Fr), 6-3, 6-3; A Hobbs (GB) and W Turnbull (Aus) bt C Bassett (Can) and A Temesvari (Hun), 6-7, 7-5, 6-0; B Potter and S Walsh (US) bt E Burgin and J A Russell (US), 6-1, 1-0 ret.
MIXED DOUBLES: H Strachanova (Cz) and B Dyke (Aus) bt S Mascarin and T Gullikson (US), wo; Potter and Taygan (US) bt G Sabatini (Arg) and I Nastase (Rom), 6-3, 6-7 6-4; E Sayers and J Fitzgerald (Aus) bt J Russell and B Strode (US), 6-0, 6-4. Second round: E Burgin and S Davis (US) bt A Molton and A Andrews (US), 6-3, 5-7, 6-4; B Bunge (WG) and D Stockton (US) bt L Romanov (Rom) and F Gonzalez (Paraguay), wo; M L Piatek and R Seiguso (US) bt A Moulton and L Bourne (US), 7-5, 6-4; C Reynolds (US) and M Fancutt (Aus) bt R Reggi (It) and B Prajoux (Chile), 7-5, 6-2; P Whytcross and D Graham (Aus) bt M Torres and D Ralston (US), 6-4, 6-4.
JUNIOR COMPETITION: Boys: First round: J Goodall (GB) bt A Sznaider (Can), 7-5, 7-6 (7-3). Second round: B Pearce (US) bt J Goodall (GB), 7-6, 6-4. Girls: First round: S Mair (GB) bt J Richardson (NZ), 6-3, 6-2; J Louis (GB) bt C Hernandez (Mex), 6-4, 6-3. Second round: A Croft (GB) bt C Anderholm (Swe), 6-3, 6-4; N Sodupe (US) bt J Louis (GB), 6-2, 6-2.



At full stretch: or is there more to come from Lloyd?

McEnroe 'hurt' by the press

New York (Reuter) – John McEnroe, trying to regain the US open tennis title, unleashed a flood of criticism at the press on Tuesday when asked about the fine levied against him last month for cursing at a reporter.

McEnroe is in the process of appealing against the $2,000 fine, issued after he cursed at a Toronto newspaper reporter, Nora McCabe, after a press conference at last month's Canadian Open.

Asked about the appeal yesterday, McEnroe, who refused to specify the reasons for his anger at McCabe, launched into a lecture about the press.

"No matter what I say or what I do to a person like that or a person like you, no one is going to know about it. She can make up stories like she did and lie about it, like many seem to do in your profession, and she can hurt people." he said.

"I don't think you people realise how much you can affect a human being, and we're human beings and that's why I said it," McEnroe added.

McEnroe, who won the Canadian Open, has thus far at the US Open mirrored the exemplary on-court demeanour he exhibited while winning this year's Wimbledon tournament.

McCabe, for her part, said she had no idea why McEnroe cursed her. She would not repeat what he said to her except to say she was cursed at and advised to engage in more frequent sexual activity. "I have no idea why he said those things. To the best of my knowledge there was no provocation. I don't know what prompted it," she said.

McCabe said that she filed the complaint when the grand prix supervisor on the site, Kurt Nielsen, came into the press tent the next morning and advised that the incident constituted verbal abuse and that a complaint could and should be filed.

McCabe said that she felt compelled to file the complaint because she had been critical in her stories of what she saw as rules infractions by players other than McEnroe during the tournament.

She said yesterday that she was bewildered by his behaviour. "I don't think he even knows who I am," she said, adding that she has been covering tennis since 1975.

McEnroe said: "Someone like that should not be permitted to write about tennis because she does not know what she is talking about. I do not regret what I said at all. I regret the fact that I got fined but I feel I should have the opportunity to say what I want – especially off the court."

Northwood bound

David Broome, Malcolm Pyrah and Nick Skelton will be among the riders competing for almost £22,000 in prize money at a three day meeting at the Park Farm equestrian centre at Northwood from September 25-27

The £7,900 Everest championship on the third day, with £2,600 going to the winner, is the main event at the meeting.

Odd couple pose a problem for United

By Stuart Jones
Football Correspondent

Manchester Utd 1
Chelsea 1

Manchester United drew for the fourth time last night and without a victory so far this season have dropped eight points in their first four games.

The traffic around Old Trafford, a fly in an enormous spider's web, was ominously heavy. It was as tightly packed inside the famous arena and, but for the usual nauseating behaviour of more than a few spectators, the atmosphere was a rich echo of the days when these two clubs met in the sixties.

The air crackled with so much expectation that the steel girders supporting the floodlight might have been electricity pylons. All it needed was an early spark to light the evening flame and, after an opening bristling with ferocity, United first threatened and then became a roaring fire.

Their attack had already looked more lively, now that Brazil, having injured an ankle, had been relieved of his misery. His substitute, Whiteside, was released down the right by Duxbury and the immediate lob found Olsen closing in from the other flank. The little Dane, precise and composed, used first his chest and then his left foot to complete the dazzling move.

Neither Whiteside nor Olsen were content to rest there. With the assistance of Hughes and Robson, they forced Niedzwiecki to make two remarkable saves and Chelsea's goalkeeper was soon stretching again to cling on to a fierce volley from Albiston. But Chelsea, though largely kept within their own half, flickered occasionally themselves.

Their front line consists of the odd couple. Dixon is tall and clumsy. Speedie is short and aptly named. Together they and Thomas, greeted with derision on his return to his former home, caused enough disturbances to unsettle United's defence and give warnings of what was to come.

Never more so than in the 35th minute Hogg inadvertently created the danger with a back pass that was more of an open invitation to Speedie. He took it as far as the edge of the area where Bailey blatantly blocked his path. The referee's leniency then was surprising but at least consistent.

He should have booked Lee and Speedie for equally rough challenges and it was only when Bumstead felled Olsen that he at last took action. So, too, did Chelsea. Five minutes after the interval Rougvie gave Thomas the chance to turn sharply, shoot cleanly and claim the equalizer against his old colleagues.

MANCHESTER UNITED: G Bailey; M Duxbury, A Albiston, R Moses, K Moran, G Hogg, B Robson, G Strachan, M Hughes, N Whiteside, J Olsen.

CHELSEA: E Niedzwecki; C Lee, D Rougvie, C Pates, J McLaughlin, J Bumstead, P Nevin, N Spackman, K Dixon, D Speedie, M Thomas.

Referee: A Saunders (Newcastle).

Last night's results

FIRST DIVISION: Aston Villa 0, Nottingham Forest 5; Norwich City 2, West Bromwich Albion 1
MILK CUP: First round, second leg: Chester 0, Blackpool 3 (agg 0-4); Hartlepool United 0, Derby County 1 (1-6); Oxford United 5, Hereford United 3 (7-5); Southend United 0, Orient 0 (1-2).
SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP: Fourth round: Cowdenbeath 1 Rangers 3; Meadowbank Thistle 2, St Johnstone 1

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Bath 10, South Wales Police 10; Bristol 38, Cheltenham 0; Cardiff 34, Glamorgan Wanderers 6; Coventry 43, Birmingham 16; Maesteg 15, Llanelli 10; Pontypool 18, Tredegar 0; Rugby 3, Bedford 15; Vale of Lune 22, Halifax 18; Waterloo 43, Chester 0.

FOOTBALL

Shreeves to decide what punishment fits the Spurs crime

Peter Shreeves, the manager of Tottenham Hotspur, has yet to decide whether to discipline the club's defender, Graham Roberts, and forward, Clive Allen, for being sent off on Tuesday night at Sunderland. The England pair received their marching orders for the first time in their careers – only a week after Shreeves had warned Roberts and his fellow defender, Paul Miller to "curb their enthusiasm"

The new Tottenham manager was concerned that suspensions incurred by key players could affect the club's chances of landing a trophy. Not only did Spurs lose 1–0 at Sunderland, but the dismissed players look likely to miss two matches each.

Roberts sent off after a forty-fourth minute off-the-ball clash with the Sunderland forward West, looks certain to miss the League match at Aston Villa on September 22, and a Milk Cup tie the following Wednesday night.

Allen, playing only his fourth game for the club after his £700,000 transfer from Queen's Park Rangers last month, also appears to be out of the Villa game. He was booked after 46 minutes for dissent, and dismissed for a late high challenge on the Sunderland goalkeeper, Turner. It is believed to be the first time two Spurs players have been dismissed in the same game.

Shreeves, who will wait to see referee Roger Dilkes' report, said: "I will be talking to the two lads and then I will decide whether to discipline them or not. But it will be an internal matter. What Graham did was absolutely wrong. I cannot condone that. But he was clearly provoked by the other lad and has a cut lip and a couple of loose teeth to prove it."

Nicholas turned in another superb performance for Arsenal as they outplayed Newcastle. The victorious manager, Don Howe, said: "All of a sudeen it's coming right for him and I just hope he keeps it going." The Newcastle manager Jack Charlton felt that Carney's first minute booking for a foul on Nicholas made him scared to make strong challenges afterwards. "He kept standing off Charlie, who loved that", Charlton said.

Arsenal looked good and played with a lot of commitment", Charlton added. Talbot shot Arsenal ahead with a forty-seventh minute free-kick and Anderson headed the second 10 minutes later

Liverpool, who visit Arsenal on Saturday, were indebted to Dalglish for their seventy-first minute winner at Luton. The goal was set up by the former Luton player Walsh for whom Liverpool paid £750,000 in the summer. Dalglish had an outstanding game, but injured a kneecap and was taken off as a precaution, in the 83 minute. He is expected to be fit for Saturday and the Liverpool manager, Joe Fagan said: "Kenny is back to something like his best form. He has recovered his zest for the game after that awful injury last season."

Southampton remain rooted at the bottom after losing 2-1 at Sheffield Wednesday, even though Shilton saved a Sterland penalty. Four minuted from time Shelton hit the winner

Two penalties by Stewart helped West Ham to a 3-1 victory at home to Coventry, pushing the Hammers up to fifth spot, and Ipswich recorded their fourth successive draw when Gates' sixty-fourth minute goal at Everton was cancelled out by Heath.

Clark maintained Birmingham's 100 per cent record with a seventieth minute header, which sank Fulham at Craven Cottage. Birmingham moved into second place in the second division behind Leeds. Charlton lost ground with a 2-1 reverse at Grimsby where they had Madden sent off for not retreating 10 yards at a free-kick. Drinkell and Ford scored for Grimsby, who are at home to Leeds on Saturday

Wolves pulled off their first win under Tommy Docherty when goals by Dougherty, aged 18 and McCarthy (own goal) accounted for Manchester City. Notts County's 2-0 home reverse against Barnsley left them pointless at the bottom of the table.

Walsall, last season's surprise Milk Cup semi-finalists, completed a comfortable first round win over relegated Swansea when they beat them 3-1 at Fellows Park. Estoe, on loan from West Bromwich, scored his first goal for the club, who were 5-1 aggregate winners despite missing a second half penalty

Middlesbrough, the second division strugglers, crashed out to the third division club Bradford, who held them 2-2 at Ayresome Park.

Re-election plan rejected by the Gola League

Non-League sides have rejected a new plan by the Football League aimed at establishing easier promotion to the fourth division. At a meeting in Solihull yesterday, representatives of the Gola League told the Football League they were unable to agree with their proposal for "future promotion and relegation"

The plan – put foreward by a Football League committee chaired by the Aldershot chairman Reg Driver – suggested that the scramble for reelection should be replaced with a straight vote between the League's bottom club and the Gola (formerly Alliance) League champions.

But whereas under the present system, the third and fourth division clubs have only eight votes between them, the new scheme would have given each of them one vote, which, it was believed, would have counted against non-League clubs.

FIFA seeks to cash in on Olympic success

Zurich (Reuter) – FIFA, the governing body of world football, is seeking a larger slice of the television receipts distributed to international federations at future Olympic Games.

The move follows the large attendances for the football tournament at the recent Los Angeles Olympics.

Joseph Blatter, the general secretary of FIFA, writing in the editorial of the latest FIFA News, said that the tournament's 32 matches attracted 1,421,627 paying spectators, nearly 300,000 more than for the athletics.

He said: "Soccer deserves more recognition than other sports on the Olympic programme, with regard to the distribution of TV receipts to the international federation. FIFA participation in direct stadium receipts is another matter under study, at a time when the full commecialization of the Olympics is likely"

Blatter called the tournament "an amazing success"

FOR THE RECORD

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Atlanta Braves 8, Houston Astros 7; Pittsburgh Pirates 5, Montreal Expos 3; Chicago Cubs 7, Philadelphia Phillies 2; St Louis Cardinals 12, New York Mets 2; Los Angeles Dodgers 2, San Diego Padres 1; Cincinnati Reds 8, San Francisco Giants 3.
AMERICAN LEAGUE: Baltimore Orioles 4, Detroit Tigers 1; California Angles 5, Cleveland Indians 3 (12inns); Toronto Blue Jays 6, New York Yankees 4; Kansas City Royals 4, Minnesota Twins 1; Boston Red Sox 3, Milwaukee Brewers 1; (13) Seattle Mariners 6, Texas Rangers 3 (13inns); Chicago White Sox 12 Oakland A's 2.

BOXING

ACCIAROLI, Italy: European light welterweight championship: Patrizio Oliva (It, holder) bt Tusikoleta Nkalankete (Fr), pts.

CROQUET

HURLINGHAM: Presidents Cup: First round: S N Mulliner bt D K Openshaw +26; M E W Heap bt J R McCullough +9tp; K M H Aiton bt E W Solomon +12tp; G N Aspinall bt K F Wylie +5. Second round: Solomon bt Aspinall +17; Aiton bt Wylie +12tp; Mulliner bt Heap +11; Openshaw bt McCullough +16. Third round: Aspinall bt Mulliner +9 Wylie bt Openshaw +25tp.

ICE HOCKEY

CANADA CUP: USSR 3, Sweden 2; West Germany 4, Czechoslovakia 4.

WIND SURFING

RUTLAND WATER: Sailboard Nationals: Club Sailboard: 1, M Fearney; 2, S Rix; 3, B May. Division 1 Sport/Vario open rig: 1, J Facey; 2, C Whaley; 3, J Styles. Division 2 Race open class rig: 1, Powell; 2, N Wilkins; 3, J Crawley. Vario one design: 1, J Bates; 2, P F Shaw; 3, D Rixon. Division 0 Sunboard: 1, R Palmer; 2, J Knight; 3, Jakob. Youths (15 and 16): 1, C Stowe; 2, R Mapley; 3, S Riches. Youths (14 and under): 1, M Riches; 2, P Daniel; 3, T Jones.

BASKETBALL

OSLO: International: Norway 63, England 72.

FOOTBALL

MOENCHENGLADBACH (Rainer Bonhof Benefit match): Borussia Mönchengladbach 8, West Germany (1974 World Champions) 3.

TENNIS

COUNTY CUP (Junior) Boys: Group One: Essex 8, Middlesex 1; Surrey 5, Lancashire 4. Group Two: Yorkshire 7, South Wales 2; Kent 7, Devon 2: Group Three: Hertfordshire 4, Buckinghamshire 2 (rain stopped play); Avon 4, Nottinghamshire 3 (rain stopped play). Group Four: East of Scotland 9, Durham and Cleveland 0; Norfolk 5, Hampshire 4. Group Five: Dorset 8, Cornwall 1; Cheshire 7, North Wales 2. Group Six: Warwickshire 5, Gloucestershire 4; Sussex 5 Derbyshire 4. Group Seven: Lincolnshire 5, Somerset 4; Staffordshire 5, Leicestershire 4. Group Eight: Suffolk 5, Berkshire 4; Oxfordshire 5, Leicestershire 4. Group Nine: Wiltshire 5, Hereford and Worcestershire 4; West of Scotland 9, Bedfordshire 0. Group Eleven: Northumberland 6, South of Scotland 3. GIRLS: Group One: Yorkshire 5, Surrey 4; Middlesex 7 Devon 2. Group Two: Essex 8, Kent 1, Avon 6, Hampshire 3. Group Three: Nottinghamshire 9, Sussex 0; Leicestershire 7, Warwickshire 2. Group Five: Cheshire 5, Buckinghamshire 4; Lincolnshire 5, Derbyshire 4. Group Six: Hertfordshire 9, South Wales 0; Oxfordshire 5, North Wales 4. Group Seven: Staffordshire 6, West of Scotland 3; Hereford and Worcestershire 6, East of Scotland 3. Group Eight: Dorset 9, Bedfordshire 0; Gloucestershire 5, Somerset 4. Group Nine: Cornwall 5, North of Scotland 4; Durham and Cleveland 7, Northamptonshire 2. Group Ten: Shropshire 9, Cumbria 0; North of Scotland 6, Northamptonshire 3. Group Eleven: Northumberland 9, Shropshire 0.

CYCLING

TOUR DE L'AVENIR: First stage: Valence D'Agen – Figeac, 116 miles: 1, P Chevalier (Fr), 4hr 29min 5sec; 2, L Wijnants (Bel), 4:29.20; 3, B Woltnek (Fr), 4:29.28; 4, V Kozarek (Cz), 4:29.33; 5, S Voronin (USSR); 6, I Frebert (Fr); 7, M Eaton (US); 8, O Tarochenko (USSR); 9, A Zinoviev (USSR) all same time; 10, S Bauer (Can).

SPEEDWAY

WEYMOUTH: National League: Weymouth 47, Canterbury 31
MILTON KEYNES: Motorway Challenge: Second Leg: Milton Keynes 47, Arena Essex 31. Milton Keynes win 86-70 on aggregate.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

Correction to Monday result: Seatle Seahawks 33, Cleveland Browns 0.

TUESDAY'S LATE FOOTBALL

FIRST DIVISION: Arsenal 2, Newcastle United 0, E[illegible] Ipswich Town 1; Luton Town 1, Liverpool [illegible]; Sheffield Wednesday 2, Southampton 1; Sunderland 1, Tottenham Hotspur 0, West Ham United 3, Coventry City 1

SECOND DIVISION: Carlisle United 2, Shrewsbury Town 0; Fulham 0, Birmingham City 1, Grimsby Town 2, Charlton Athletic 1; Huddersfield Town 1, Blackburn Rovers 1; Notts County 0, Barnsley 2; Wolverhampton Wanderers 2, Manchester City 0.

MILK CUP: First round, second leg: Bournemouth 0, Aldershot 1 (agg 0-5); Bristol Rovers 0, Swindon Town 1 (agg 5-2); Bury 2, Port Vale 1 (agg 2-2, Port Vale win on away goal); Cambridge United 1, Brentford 3 (agg 1-2); Cardiff City 2, Exeter City 0 (agg 2-1); Chesterfield 1, Halifax Town 2 (agg 2-3); Colchester United 0, Gillingham 2 (agg 2-5); Crewe Alexander 0, Burnley 3 (agg 2-4); Hull City 4, Lincoln City 1 (agg 5-1); Middlesbrough 2, Bradford City 2 (agg 2-4), Millwall 4, Reading 3 (agg 5-4); Newport County 0, Bristol City 3 (agg 1-5); Northampton Town 0, Crystal Palace 0 (agg 0-1); Oldham Athletic 4, Bolton Wanderers 4 (aet; agg 5-6); Preston N E 2, Tranmere Rovers 2 (aet; agg 5-4); Rochdale 1, Stockport County 2 (agg 2-5); Rotherham United 4, Darlington 0 (agg 6-1); Torquay United 0, Plymouth Argyle 1 (agg 0-2); Walsall 3, Swansea City 1 (agg 5-1); Wigan Athletic 2, Wrexham 0 (agg 6-0); Wimbledon 1, Portsmouth 0 (agg 1-3); York City 5, Doncaster Rovers 0 (agg 6-2).
SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP: Fourth round: Dundee 0, Hearts 1

GOLA LEAGUE: Barnet 1, Nuneaton 1; Bath 0, Kidderminster [illegible] 1, Altrincham 2. Bob Lord Trophy: [illegible] and, first leg: Dartford 1, Yeovil 3; Frick[illegible] 1, [illegible]row 1; Telford Utd 2, Enfield 2.

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Billericay 1, Bishop's Stortford 1; Carshalton Ath 4, Slough Town 3; Hayes 1, Wycombe Wanders 0; Hendon 2, Dulwich Hamlet 2; Walthamstow Avenue 1, Sutton United 5; Windsor and Eton 3, Hitchin 3; Wokingham 3, Harlow 1; Worthing 4, Epsom and Ewell 3. First division: Hampton 1, St Albans 1; Hertford 0, Hornchurch 0; Kingstonian 1, Leatherhead 1; Lewes 2, Met Police 2; Oxford City 1, Wembley 0; Walton and H 0, Boreham Wood 0.
FA CUP: Preliminary round replays: Hillingdon 0, Braintree 0 (aet); Clevedon 1, Welton Rovers 0; Egham 2, Southwick 1, Corinston 3, Stowmarket 0; Rainham 3, Erith 1, Hastings 3, Deal Town 1; Canterbury City 6, Littlehampton 0.
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Chorley 0, Workington 0; Macclesfield 1, Buxton 0; Marine 1, Hyde Utd 1, Rhyl 3, Sth Liverpool 1, Stafford Rngrs 0, Witton Albion 1
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Bill Dellow Cup: First round: Banbury 1, Milton Keynes 0; Bedworth v Coventry Sporting (postponed); Bridgnorth 1, Dudley 3; Fisher Ath 2, Welling Utd 1 Gravesend 3, Chatham 1, Hastings 1, Sheppey 2; Hillingdon v Addlestone and Weybridge (postponed); Moore Green 2, AP Leamington 0; Oldbury 1, Sutton Coldfield 1, Redditch 1 Bromsgrove 1, Stourbridge 0, Alvechurch 1; Thanet v Canterbury (postponed); Tonbridge 1, Ashford 1, Trowbridge 1, Forest Green 2; Witney Tn 2, Aylesbury 2; Woodford Tn 2, Dunstable 1
CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Derby 1, Aston Villa 1. Second division: Blackpool 7, Burnley 0; Leeds 1, Bolton 1.
FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Brighton 6, Norwich 1; Chelsea 2, Arsenal 2.
IRISH LEAGUE: Gold Cup: Crusaders 1, Coleraine 1; Linfield 4, Ballymena 1; Portadown 3, Ards 1; Distillery 3, Larne 1.
RUGBY UNION: Nuneaton 6, Leicester 30.

When Joe Louis was King no one else claimed the throne

Too many heads wear the crown

New York (NYT) – It seems that all that might disqualify a man from being a heavyweight boxing champion of the world these days is laryngitis. This was emphasized last Friday night when Larry Holmes and Gerrie Coetzee, two of the heavyweight champions of the world, exchanged obstreperous insults in a televised interview in Las Vegas, at a bout in which Tim Witherspoon lost his heavyweight title to Pinklon Thomas. Witherspoon afterwards complained loudly that he was thumbed in the eye and that he believed he had won the fight.

Thomas is a sorry pretender to the throne, being rather soft-spoken. He hardly follows in the tradition established by Muhammad Ali, who learned from the flossy, fragrant, effusive wrestler Gorgeous George, that to be loud is to be great, or at least stimulating to ticket sales.

There is a bottle neck at the world heavyweight championship. The glut of heavyweight champions is too much of a good thing. The Witherspoon-Thomas affair was of less than compelling interest to anyone but the promoters and possibly the participants. Holmes, the designated champion of the International Boxing Federation, and Coetzee, the World Boxing Council's championship belt, all lay claim to being the best and the brightest in their division. It is getting so that one can hardly turn a corner without bumping into a heavyweight champion.

Apparently this situation is no less pleasing to the boxers than it is to the fans. In fact, Thomas said that after beating Witherspoon, "I consider Larry Holmes the real champion; but I want to go back to the Joe Louis era when there was one champion. When you ask now, who is the champion? No one knows. I want to part of the reunification."

the name of Louis evokes an image of one man, one title. Louis held the heavyweight championship for 12 consecutive years, from 1937 to 1949, longer than anyone in history. Louis has such respect among the fans that even his "bum of the month bouts were of considerabe interest. Louis was not born with the title, of course, he had to earn it, but he moved throught the ranks with such devastating power that even before he won the title he was virtually the uncrowned champion.

Levinsky

There was no better example of this than Louis's bout with a gladiator named King Levinsky, who came from the Maxwell Street section of Chicago and was an early applicant for Louis's "bum club". The contest took place on the night of August 7, 1935, in Comiskey Park, a few miles north of Levinsky's home, where his family were fish peddlers. The King was a hulking, genial specimen with no visibly artistry, but with a windmill right that could cause papers to blow around the stadium.

The King was no dummy, though. He knew that Louis's short right had the impact of a wrecking ball. He was nervous in the dressing room before the fight, and an unusual kind of tension was building there. In the Louis biography, The Brown Bomber, Barney Nagler wrote that the promoter was worried. He feared that the trembling Levinsky might bolt the dressing room and flee home.

The promoter hurried to the officials and said: "We'd better start the fight." An official said: "But we have a half hour to go." The promoter replied: "Well, it might start raining", looking up into the balmy, starry sky.

Under tight security of the promoter, Levinsky was led into the ring. Shortly afterwards the King was led out of the ring, as wobbly as he entered. He was knocked out in two minutes, 21 seconds of the first round. He did not connect on a single punch, though he did manage one clinch.

Some who saw the fight say that the King wasn't knocked out, that, in fact, he fainted. Others wondered if he hadn't been weakened by pain in his feet. King once complained to his trainer that his feet were killing him. The trainer checked out the King's dogs and found that the King had put his right shoe on the left foot and the left shoe on the right foot.

Levinsky had beaten such heavyweights as Jack Sharkey and Primo Carnera, but never did gain a great deal of respect as a pugilist. When he filed for divorce from his second wife, Freda (Fritzie) Bay, he charged that she struck him and pushed him out of their apartment. In court Fritzie charged that, in fact, he also struck her.

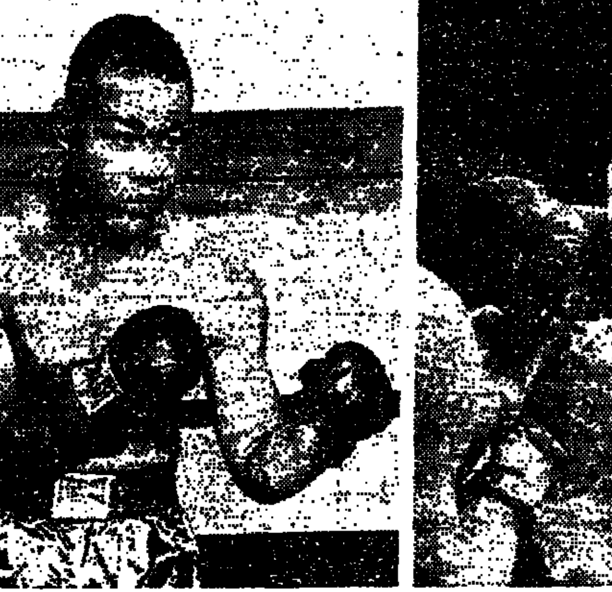
The King once beat Jack Dempsey. It was in a four-round exhibition in 1932 and Dempsey, the former heavyweight champion of the world was attempting a comeback, to see if he had anything left. An exhibition is generally not the place to knock anyone out, but the King thought this a good chance to build a reputation. He charged out of his corner and began flailing away at the bewildered Dempsey. At the conclusion, the newsmen at the ringside cast ballots and gave the decision to the King.

Wrestling

Losing to the King told Dempsey all he needed to know about his boxing future. The old champion never fought again. Louis, of course, went on to greater heights after Levinsky, and both of them, after their boxing days were over, went into professional wrestling for a time.

For Louis, it seemed particularly sad because the distinguished boxer was scuffling to make ends meet. He was asked how it felt to be in that line of work and replied in his pithy manner: "It beats stealin'."

Those words seem fitting for the current state of heavyweight boxing and bombast.



Lords of the ring: the Brown Bomber (left), heavyweight champion of the world for 12 years, and Larry Holmes (right) seeming to strike sparks off Lucien Rodriguez

GOLF

Ballesteros aims to become crowned head of Europe

By Mitchell Platts

Severiano Ballesteros's desire to collect titles and awards was evident as he prepared for the European Open, sponsored by Panasonic, which begins at Sunningdale today.

He brushed aside the thought of a £50,000 bonus this week, on offer from Birchgrey, the promoters, after his success in the Open championship. But he was delighted to receive a special award courtesy of White Horse Whisky for his triumph at St Andrews – an Italian porcelain replica of the company's symbol.

The company offered to send the replica to Ballesteros's home in northern Spain, but he said: "I must take it with me. It is something I will treasure."

Moreover, Ballesteros stressed that winning the European Open is his priority, whatever the cash awards, because of his search to collect all the "Open" titles in Europe.

So far Ballesteros has won Opens in Holland (1976, 1980), France (1977, 1982), Switzerland (1977, 1978), Germany (1978), Scandinavia (1978, 1981), Britain (1979, 1984), Spain (1981) and Ireland (1983).

Those missing are the European Opens, in which he has twice finished second, the Portugese and the Italian. "My plan is to play in Portugal in November," he said. "And in the Italian Open next year. I will keep playing, even if it takes me 10 years, in order to complete the collection."

Yet there can be little doubt that the attraction of playing in Europe is growing stronger as the money increases with this tournament offering a prize fund of £150,000 and a first prize of £25,000.

Nick Faldo, joint runner-up with Ballesteros and Carl Mason twelve months ago when Isao Aoki, of Japan, won, insists: "This is only my sixth tournament in Europe this year. I have found it hard, at times, commuting back and forth across the Atlantic, because you cannot give yourself a long rest. With the money available over here now I might play more in Britain next year."

The superstars of golf are certainly benefiting from the salesmanship of the PGA European Tour and as the game expands so the rewards on and off the course are growing.

Sandy Lyle has won £74,800 on the tour this year but he signed an agreement yesterday to represent Ballantine's Scotch Whisky which is estimated to be worth more than £60,000 over the next two years. That, of course, dims in comparison with the earning power of Ballesteros who is estimated to be bringing in more than £1¼m each year.

In official terms, however, Bernhard Langer of West Germany, has enjoyed the best year in Europe with winnings so far of £118,539. Langer, like Ballesteros, is chasing a collection of "Open" titles although this week they face increased opposition from Lanny Wadkins and Gary Player.

Wadkins and Player, the joint runners up in the United States PGA championship last month, combined as a "rest of the world" team to beat Europe's Ballesteros and Faldo by one hole in an exhibition match yesterday on the superbly prepared Sunningdale course.

RACING: COLE'S LAMBOURN STABLE PRODUCES ANOTHER TOP TWO-YEAR-OLD PROSPECT

Ives and Home Solutions the pick

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Having finally brought an exasperating losing run to an end by winning on Magic Eye at York yesterday, Tony Ives can take another step towards his first century of winners in a season by winning the Jorvik Selling Stakes there today on HOME SOLUTIONS (nap).

After that good run by Dominate at Chester last week, Apple Orchard, with Pat Eddery aboard, will obviously be fancied to win a race of this nature by his incurably enthusiastic trainer, Pat Rohan. However, I prefer on Home Solutions who was bought in for 5,200 guineas after winning a similar race at Newmarket last month.

Before that Home Solutions had run Sovereign Honey to a head, again at Newmarket. In the meantime Sovereign Honey has proved first at Windsor, and then again at Hamilton, that the form is good, especially at this level.

Otherwise it should pay to follow Lester Piggott today on PRISMATIC (1.30) and CAPTAIN BECHER (4.15). Ridden by Willie Carson, Vouchsafe can be expected to go well in the Sancton Stakes, especially after the way that he performed behind Soldat Bleu at Doncaster, but I prefer Prismatic, who by winning easily at York and Lingfield Park, has already made his own contribution to the remarkable success story of his grand-dam, Doubly Sure, who is better known perhaps as the dam of Kris, Diesis, Keen and Presidium.

Lucky North is obviously the form horse in the New York Racing Association Trophy, but as his record suggests, he is also a rather maddening individual with a tendency to finishing second. In the circumstances, I am tempted to take a chance with Captain Becher, who has been in good work for more than a month now, according to our Newmarket correspondent, even though he has never run. By Lyphard and out of a 1,000 Guineas winner, Waterloo, Captain Becher is as well-bred as any horse in training.

Piggott also has a good chance of winning the Garrowby Stakes on the top weight, Bold Indian, judged on how that horse ran against Elegant Air in the Andy Capp Handicap at Redcar. However, I side with TORWAR, in spite of the presence in the field of the Magnet Cup winner, Straight Man. Torwar would have been fancied to win the Magnet Cup over today's course and distance in July had he run.

Luca Cumani's colt ran away with the Britannia Stakes over a mile at Royal Ascot and then won over a mile and a quarter at Yarmouth. But Torwar was pulled out of the Magnet Cup on the eve of the race by his astute trainer because the ground was too firm. However, after an inch and a half of rain at York on Monday, Cumani obviously considers the ground to be alright for Torwar now.

It should also suit ALAKH, my somewhat tentative selection for the Innovative Marketing Sprint. Perhaps Carson's best chance of tasting success today lies with Bespoke in the Green Howards Cup. My selection was outclassed by Spicy Story in a race over today's course and distance during the Ebor meeting. However, although he was outclassed he was not disgraced, and I am content to give him another chance, even though the easy Chester winner, Dominate, is in the field.

Dominate's performance on the Roodeye was far above anything he had accomplished before, so it may be wise to treat it as a flash in the pan, especially as his weight today includes a 6lb penalty.

● Stratford's racecourse manager, John Kenny, hopes that the first meeting of the new jumps season on Saturday will be staged on good to firm ground. Mr Kenny said: "After continuous watering and substantial rain on Monday night, the going is expected to be on the firm side of good on Saturday, and there is an excellent covering of grass."

● John Burke broke his collar bone in a fall from Take Flight at Southwell on Tuesday and John Suthern will replace him on Gambling Prince at Stratford on Saturday.

Vorvados, who will be carrying top weight in today's Innovative Marketing Handicap at York

Waafi will take on best in Dewhurst

Paul Cole has a leading contender for next year's classics in Waafi, who looked every inch a future star when making a spectacular debut at York yesterday. The colt was last at halfway in the Gilbey Champion Racehorse Futurity, but produced an electrifying turn of speed to overwhelm his rivals in the final furlong, going on to win by three lengths. He is 33-1 with Corals for the 1985 2,000 Guineas.

Cole, who has other high-class youngsters in Reach and Prince Georgetown, said: "Waafi is a corker. It is difficult to know how good he is. Everything we have asked him to do at home he has done in style. He is in all the top races and is likely to go for the Dewhurst Stakes at Newmarket next month."

The one-eyed Cassandra had no trouble seeing the winning post in the Heslington Stakes. Willie Carson brought her with a perfectly timed challenge to gain a last-stride victory over Russian Noble. The filly, born with just one eye, is the first offspring of Troy and will now try to win the race staged in honour of the late Derby winner, the Troy Stakes, at Doncaster next week.

Henry Cecil's newcomer, Green Leaf, was slowly away from the stalls in the Avondale New Zealand Stakes, but the 11-10 on favourite steadily made up the leeway, led a furlong out, and came away to win by two lengths. Cecil's assistant, Willie Jarvis, said: "The filly already needs a longer trip and her next race is likely to be over seven furlongs."

Capricorn Belle has disappointed time after time this season, but things at last came right for the Luca Cumani's filly in the Strensall Stakes. Ray Guest took her to the front one and a half furlongs out, and she gradually edged clear.

Nerves have been the downfall of Capricorn Belle. Sarah Cumani, the trainer's wife, explained: "She can beat everything at home, but has terrible nerves and shakes all over after racing. Racegoers to get on well with her."

Mrs Cumani reports the St Leger favourite, Commanche Run "in top form" for next week's classic at Doncaster.

Miss Beaulieu, ridden by Lester Piggott, was even favourite, but dropped out tamely in the final quarter mile to beat only one other home.

Edward Hide leaves Britain on Sunday to take up a nine-month riding contract in Hongkong and is hoping for a triumphant farewell the previous day with Celestial Dancer in Haydock Park's Vernons Sprint. Celestial Dancer is trained by Edward's brother, Tony, and the family partnership struck with Royal Trouper in the Quintin Gilby Silver Trophy Handicap.

The race marked the return to form of Poly's Brother, who seeks a repeat victory in the Ayr Gold Cup in two weeks. The six-year-old was beaten only half a length, and Kevin Hodson blamed himself for the defeat, reflecting that he took Polly's Brother to the front too soon.

All For London sparkles

All For London, who looked the nicest juvenile to appear on Bath racecourse for some while, outclassed her 14 rivals both in the paddock and on the course, cruising eight lengths clear of Ayrshire Lass in the Tog Hill Maiden Fillies Stakes.

All For London was the first juvenile winner of the season for the Newmarket-based Frenchman Olivier Douieb who, like his jockey Alain Lequeux, was visiting Bath for the first time.

Douieb and Lequeux supplied another well-backed favourite in Atomic Force in the Pensylvania Maiden Stakes, but this one was runner-up, beaten 15 lengths by Brightner, whose victory was greeted by a number of sour observations from punters.

Brightner, tailed off at Newmarket last time out, was listed in yesterday's morning papers to be ridden by Tony Clark, while Greville Starkey was down to ride Guy Harwood's other runner, Bold Fisher. But Starkey appeared on Brightner who drew 15 lengths clear in the last quarter mile, while Bold Fisher plodded in with only three behind him.

Evidently, Starkey was always the intended rider for Brightner, and the mistake was due to a misunderstanding. There was also an excuse for Brightner's poor show at Newmarket. Harwood's assistant Geoff Lawson said that the colt got stirred up in his stall when another horse broke out and bolted.

EQUESTRIANISM

Olympics revisited at Burghley trials

By Jenny MacArthur

Mark Todd, New Zealand's Olympic individual gold medal winner, heads one of the most illustrious international teams ever assembled for the four-day Burghley horse trials which start today in the grounds of Brughley House near Stamford in Lincolnshire.

Riders from 10 countries are competing in the event which is sponsored for the second year by Remy Martin and carries a £5,000 first prize.

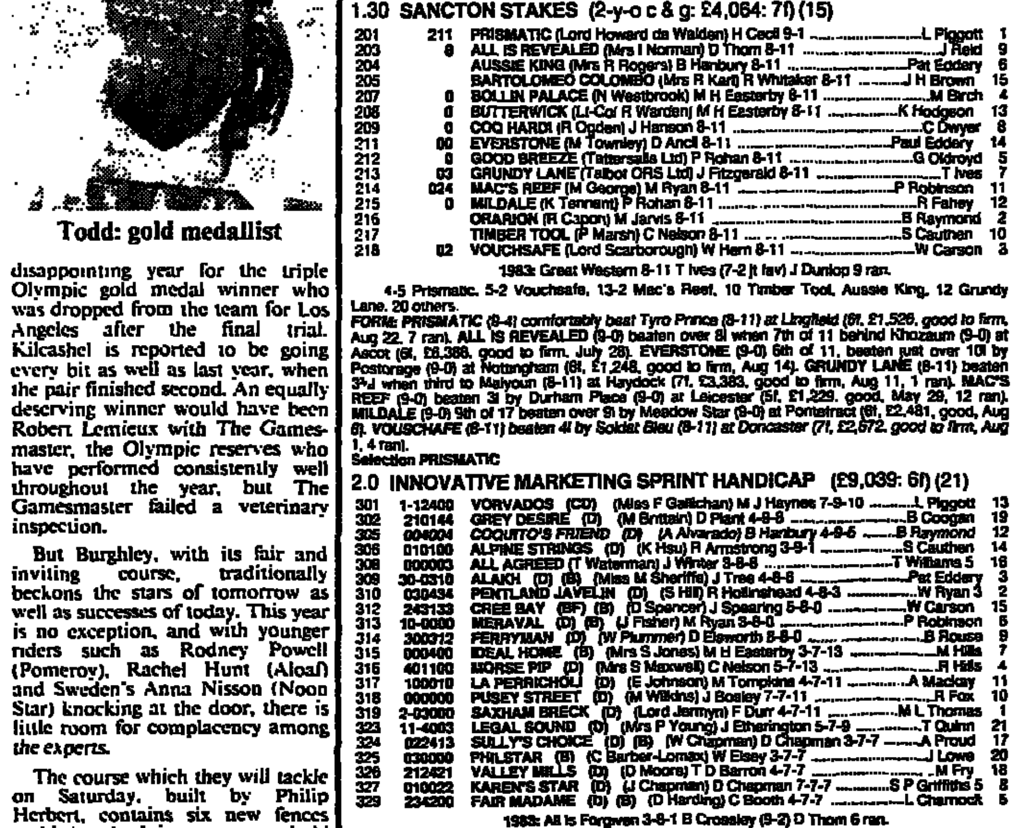
Todd, who rides the 10-year-old Night Life, will renew rivalry with several Olympic medal winners including Bruce Davidson from the United States gold medal team and all four of the British silver medal winning team. Despite competing on their second strings, the Olympic riders present a formidable force.

Most threatening is last year's winner, Virginia Holgate, and who is now the Olympic individual bronze medallist. Miss Holgate rides the 11-year-old Night Cap, who was placed at Burghley in 1981 and 1982 and last month impressed with a good win at the Scottish horse trials championship.

Ian Stark, another member of the silver medal team, has an enviable second horse in Sir Wattie, who was bred at Sir Walter Scott's home at Abbotsford in Roxburghshire by the author's great great great granddaughter Dame Jean Maxwell-Scott who named the horse after Sir Walter he was called Wattie by his mother. Sir Wattie is rated by his rider as highly as his Olympic horse, Oxford Blue, and certainly his record – sixth at Badmington and at the Olympic final trial in July justified that rating.

Lucinda Green, one of three riders seeking a third Burghley win pins her hopes on the nine-year-old Shannagh, Beagle Bay, her Badmington and former Burghley winner, having been withdrawn because of lameness. Of the other two dual Burghley winners, Richard Walker rides Accumlator, an increasingly successful partnership as witnessed by their victory at Locko horse trials, and Lorna Clarke has two good ridesin the Olympic short-listed Danville and Myross, the winner of Everdon horse trials last month.

A second win for Richard Meade – his first came exactly 20 years ago – would be a happy end to a disappointing year for the triple Olympic gold medal winner who was dropped from the team for Los Angeles after the final trial. Kilcashel is reported to be going every bit as well as last year, when the pair finished second. An equally deserving winner would have been Robert Lemieux with The Gamesmaster, the Olympic reserves who have performed consistently well throughout the year, but The Gamesmaster failed a veterinary inspection.



Todd: gold medallist

But Burghley, with its fair and inviting course, traditionally beckons the stars of tomorrow as well as successes of today. This year is no exception, and with younger riders such as Rodney Powell (Pomeroy), Rachel Hunt (Aloaf) and Sweden's Anna Nisson (Noon Star) knocking at the door, there is little room for complacency among the experts.

The course which they will tackle on Saturday, built by Philip Herbert, contains six new fences and brings back into use several old ones, including the upper Trout Hatchery where many unsuspecting riders have met their Waterloo.

YACHTING

Gale conditions force crews to abandon series

From Barry Pickthall

The third inshore race in the world quarter ton cup series off Nieuport had to be abandoned yesterday in the face of a force eight gale and wall of white water across the entrance to this Belgian port, which made it almost impossible for the competing yachts to sail out to sea.

With little sign last night of any moderation in the weather for today's compulsory long offshore race, many crews, including the British team on Odd Job, have decided to pack up their boats and head for home.

Should these conditions persist, the committee announced last night that they would set an inshore course for today's 180-mile race, sending the fleet three times round a stretch between Calais and Ostend.

The international jury failed to uphold any of the protests lodged against those yachts that had allegedly missed rounding marks during the short offshore race earlier this week but have recommended to the race committee that a vessel follow the fleet throughout this weekend's race, to monitor all the marks roundings.

Sardinia Cup gets off to a bad start

From a Special Correspondent, Porto Cervo

A 20-minute postponement and four general recalls held up the start of the second Sardinia Cup race, the 145-mile short offshore event.

A delay caused by poor, premature starting by many of the 48 yachts did at least allow the wind to fill in sufficiently to provide a stiff three-mile beat after the start.

After yesterday's opening 27-mile race, the crews will hope the wind stays, for only 29 yachts finished inside the time limit. The home team was only one of three to have all three boats scoring points. Lying in second place is the Irish team, although only two of their boats made the time limit.

In contrast, Britain are lying fourteenth as the did-not-finish recorded by both John Lewis's Ultimatum and Clive Martin's Constant of Lymington mitigated the fifteenth place, scored by Peter Whipp's Panda.

TEAM STANDINGS (after race 1): 1, Italy, 98.00pts; 2, Ireland, 96.25; 3, Spain, 95.00; 4 equal, United States and Switzerland, 89.00; 6 West Germany 86.00; 7, Austria, 65.00; 8, France, 64.00; 9, Netherlands, 69.00; 10 Sweden, 57.00; 11, Denmark, 51.00; 12 Argentina, 43.00; 13, Belgium/Greece, 41.00; 14, Britain, 36.00; 15, Luxembourg, 34.00; 16 Papua New Guinea, 3.00.

YORK (Ch4)

[Televised: 1.0, 1.30, 2.0]

GOING: good to firm
DRAW: no advantage
TOTE: double 2.00, 3.10. Treble 1.30, 2.35, 3.45

1.00 POLYCELL–WILLIE CARSON APPRENTICE CHALLENGE ROUND 10 (Handicap: £2,406: 1m 1f) (6 runners)

101 01000 SHAADY (B) (Prince Y Saud) Mrs J Pitman 5-10-0 ... C Nolan 5
103 002203 BARRIE BABY (BF) (B Stacey) C Booth 4-9-4 ... S Hodgson 1
104 002401 GUNNER'S BELLE (H Spearing) M Stanshard 4-8-9 (6 ex) ... T J Williams 4
105 000-010 FANCY FLIGHT (J Bryce) R Armstrong 3-8-8 ... J Davies 3
106 001042 WISH YOU WERE HERE (P Mellon) I Balding 3-7-13 ... J Leech 2
107 200000 KIEV (J Bigg) R Hollinshead 3-7-7 ... – 6

1983: No corresponding race.

7-4 Gunner's Belle, 11-4 Wish You Were Here, 9-2 Barrie Baby, 8 Fancy Flight, 10 Shaady, 14 Kiev

FORM: SHAADY (9-1) beaten over 5½l when out of first 9 behind Calfucci (8-11) at Newbury (8f, £4,422, good, Aug 17, 13 ran). BARRIE BABY (9-7) beaten 4¾l when 3rd of 7 behind Hidden Destiny (9-5) at Newcastle (1m 2f, £3,017, good to firm, Aug 25). WISH YOU WERE HERE (7-9) beaten ¾l by Flyhome (7-7) at Wolverhampton (9f, £3,498, good, Aug 27, 8 ran). Earlier WISH YOU WERE HERE (8-11) beaten just over 5½l when 4th to I Bin Zaldoon (9-1) with GUNNER'S BELLE (9-6) a further 3½l away in 7th at Leicester (1m 2f, £2,799, good to firm, Aug 20, 16 ran). FANCY FLIGHT (8-7) 8th of 18 beaten over 9¾l by Sharp Wit (8-10) at Ripon (1m 2f, £2,264, good to firm, Aug 13). KIEV (8-13) out of first 10 behind Pulsate (8-5) at Nottingham (8f, £1,650, good to firm, Aug 13, 16 ran).
Selection: WISH YOU WERE HERE.

York selections

By Mandarin
1.0 Barrie Baby. 1.30 Prismatic. 2.0 Alakh. 2.35 HOME SOLUTIONS (nap). 3.10 Torwar. 3.45 Bespoke. 4.15 Captain Becher.

By Our Newmarket Correspondents
1.0 Fancy Flight. 1.30 Prismatic. 2.0 Alpine Streams. 2.35 Home Solutions. 3.10 Torwar. 3.45 Against The Grain. 4.15 Captain Becher.

1.30 SANCTON STAKES (2-y-o c & g: £4,064: 7f) (15)

201 211 PRISMATIC (Lord Howard de Walden) H Cecil 9-1 ... L Piggott 1
203 0 ALL IS REVEALED (Mrs I Norman) D Thom 8-11 ... J Reid 9
204 AUSSIE KING (Mrs R Rogers) B Hanbury 8-11 ... Pat Eddery 6
205 BARTOLOMEO COLOMBO (Mrs R Karl) R Whitaker 8-11 ... J H Brown 15
207 0 BOLLIN PALACE (N Westbrook) M H Easterby 8-11 ... M Birch 4
208 0 BUTTERWICK (Lt-Col R Warden) M H Easterby 8-11 ... K Hodgson 13
209 0 COQ HARDI (R Ogden) J Hanson 8-11 ... C Dwyer 8
211 00 EVERSTONE (M Townley) D Ancil 8-11 ... Paul Eddery 14
212 0 GOOD BREEZE (Tattersalls Ltd) P Rohan 8-11 ... G Oldroyd 5
213 03 GRUNDY LANE (Talbot ORS Ltd) J Fitzgerald 8-11 ... T Ives 7
214 024 MAC'S REEF (M George) M Ryan 8-11 ... P Robinson 11
215 0 MILDALE (K Tennant) P Rohan 8-11 ... R Fahey 12
216 ORARION (R Capon) M Jarvis 8-11 ... B Raymond 2
217 TIMBER TOOL (P Marsh) C Nelson 8-11 ... S Cauthen 10
218 02 VOUCHSAFE (Lord Scarborough) W Hern 8-11 ... W Carson 3

1983: Great Western 8-11 T Ives (7-2 jt fav) J Dunlop 9 ran.

4-5 Prismatic, 5-2 Vouchsafe, 13-2 Mac's Reef, 10 Timber Tool, Aussie King, 12 Grundy Lane, 20 others.

FORM: PRISMATIC (8-4) comfortably beat Tyro Prince (8-11) at Lingfield (6f, £1,526, good to firm, Aug 22, 7 ran). ALL IS REVEALED (9-0) beaten over 8l when 7th of 11 behind Khozaum (9-0) at Ascot (6f, £6,388, good to firm, July 28). EVERSTONE (9-0) 6th of 11, beaten just over 10l by Postorage (9-0) at Nottingham (6f, £1,248, good to firm, Aug 14). GRUNDY LANE (8-11) beaten 3¾l when third to Malyoun (8-11) at Haydock (7f, £3,383, good to firm, Aug 11, 1 ran). MAC'S REEF (9-0) beaten 3l by Durham Place (9-0) at Leicester (5f, £1,229, good, May 29, 12 ran). MILDALE (9-0) 9th of 17 beaten over 9l by Meadow Star (9-0) at Pontefract (6f, £2,481, good, Aug 6). VOUSCHAFE (8-11) beaten 4l by Soldat Bleu (8-11) at Doncaster (7f, £2,572, good to firm, Aug 1, 4 ran).
Selection PRISMATIC

2.0 INNOVATIVE MARKETING SPRINT HANDICAP (£9,039: 6f) (21)

301 1-12400 VORVADOS (CD) (Miss F Gallichan) M J Haynes 7-9-10 ... L Piggott 13
302 210144 GREY DESIRE (D) (M Brittain) D Plant 4-8-8 ... B Coogan 19
305 004004 COQUITO'S FRIEND (D) (A Alvarado) B Hanbury 4-8-6 ... B Raymond 12
306 010100 ALPINE STRINGS (D) (K Hsu) R Armstrong 3-8-1 ... S Cauthen 14
308 000003 ALL AGREED (T Waterman) J Winter 3-8-8 ... T Williams 5 16
309 30-0310 ALAKH (D) (B) (Miss M Sheriffe) J Tree 4-8-6 ... Pat Eddery 3
310 030434 PENTLAND JAVELIN (D) (S Hill) R Hollinshead 4-8-3 ... W Ryan 3 2
312 243133 CREE BAY (BF) (B) (D Spencer) J Spearing 5-8-0 ... W Carson 15
313 10-0000 MERAVAL (D) (B) (J Fisher) M Ryan 3-8-0 ... P Robinson 6
314 300312 FERRYMAN (D) (W Plummer) D Elsworth 8-8-0 ... B Rouse 9
315 000400 IDEAL HOME (B) (Mrs S Jones) M H Easterby 3-7-13 ... M Hills 7
316 401100 MORSE PIP (D) (Mrs S Maxwell) C Nelson 5-7-13 ... R Hills 4
317 100010 LA PERRICHOLI (D) (E Johnson) M Tompkins 4-7-11 ... A Mackay 11
318 000000 PUSEY STREET (D) (M Wilkins) J Bosley 7-7-11 ... R Fox 10
319 2-03000 SAXHAM BRECK (D) (Lord Jermyn) F Durr 4-7-11 ... M L Thomas 1
323 11-4003 LEGAL SOUND (D) (Mrs P Young) J Etherington 5-7-9 ... T Quinn 21
324 022413 SULLY'S CHOICE (D) (B) (W Chapman) D Chapman 3-7-7 ... A Proud 17
325 030000 PHILSTAR (B) (C Barber-Lomax) W Elsey 3-7-7 ... J Lowe 20
326 212421 VALLEY MILLS (D) (D Moore) T D Barron 4-7-7 ... M Fry 18
327 010022 KAREN'S STAR (D) (J Chapman) D Chapman 7-7-7 ... S P Griffiths 5 8
329 234200 FAIR MADAME (D) (B) (D Harding) C Booth 4-7-7 ... L Charnock 5

1983: All Is Forgiven 3-8-1 B Crossley (9-2) D Thom 6 ran.

4 Cree Bay, 11-2 Ferryman, 13-2 Sully's Choice, Grey Desire, 8 Alpine Strings, Pentland Javelin, Alakh, 12 Coquito's Friend, Karen's Star, 16 Vorvados, 20 others.

FORM: VORVADOS (10-0) 8th of 12 beaten over 8l behind Lucky Dutch (8-0) at Ripon (6f, £8,663, good to firm, Aug 18). GREY DESIRE (9-6) beaten just over 2¾l when 4th of 7 behind Major Don (9-3) at Newcastle (7f, £12,276, good to firm, July 28). COQUITO'S FRIEND (9-0) beaten just over 1l when 4th of 9 behind Kathred (8-4) at Newcastle (6f, £5,970, good to firm, Aug 27). ALL AGREED (9-6) 3rd of 7 beaten 2l by Lady Tippins (7-12) at Newmarket (6f, £4,152, good to firm, Aug 24). ALAKH (8-10) beaten over 4l when 14th of 26 behind Petong (9-10) at Goodwood (6f, £27,113, good to firm, July 31). CREE BAY (9-6) beaten under ½l when 3rd of 13 behind Yangtse-Kiang (7-8) at Sandown (6f, £3,329, good to firm, Sept 1). Before that CREE BAY (9-0) beaten just over 1½l when 3rd of 15 to Amarone (9-2) with PENTLAND JAVELIN (8-13) a further 2l away in 4th at York (6f, £5,329, good to firm, Aug 21). FERRYMAN (8-12) beaten 2l by Manchesterskytrain (7-7) at Goodwood (6f, £7,687, good to firm, Aug 25, 8 ran).
Selection: COQUITO'S FRIEND.

2.35 JORVIK SELLING STAKES (£2,364: 1m 4f) (9)

401 0-01400 APPLE ORCHARD (E McMahon) P Rohan 4-9-4 ... Pat Eddery 4
402 022304 PORTER (B) (F Carr) E Carter 5-9-4 ... J Carr 7 2
403 000302- SECRET PURSUIT (D) (D Brotherton) M H Easterby 5-9-4 ... K Hodgson 9
404 /4012-0 SIX O SIX AUCTION (C) (Mrs B Keighley) C Thornton 4-9-4 ... J Bleasdale 1
405 000021 LADY EVER-SO-SURE (D) (B) (Eversure Textiles) J Etherington 6-9-1 ... B Raymond 5
406 040-034 PEROVSKIA (D) (B Otter) J Fitzgerald 4-9-1 ... S Cauthen 8
407 0-010 SAXON RADIO (C Prosser & Co Ltd) M W Easterby 3-8-10 ... M Hindley 5 6
408 003021 HOME SOLUTIONS (D) (B) (Marketing Solutions) R J Williams 3-8-7 ... T Ives 7
410 000032 STORMY MONARCH (Mrs C Paterson) C Brittain 3-8-6 ... P Robinson 3

1983: No corresponding race.

5-2 Lady Ever-So-Sure, 3 Home Solutions, 9-2 Stormy Monarch, 13-2 Porter, 8 Perovskia, 12 Saxon Radio, Apple Orchard, 14 others.

FORM: APPLE ORCHARD (7-7) beaten 12½l when 5th of 11 behind Dominate (7-7) at Chester (1m 7f, £3,241, good to firm, Aug 31). PORTER (8-9) beaten 22l when 4th of 5 behind Harry Hastings (9-13) at Hamilton (1m 3f, £1,192, good to firm, June 21). SECRET PURSUIT (8-13) beaten 1¾l by Emma Royale (7-12) at Doncaster (1m 4f, £3,840, good, Oct 22, 17 ran). SIX O SIX AUCTION (8-6) beaten over 10l when 7th of 13 behind Rivers Edge (8-0) at Thirsk (1m 4f, £2,285, good, April 14). SAXON RADIO (8-14) beaten over 6¾l when 9th of 19 behind Taygetus (8-8) at Ripon (8f, £1,725, good to firm, Sept 1). HOME SOLUTIONS (8-8) beat Bakeswara Gift (8-8) by 2l at Newmarket (1m 4f, £1,755, good to firm, Aug 25, 11 ran). STORMY MONARCH (9-0) beaten 1½l by Flaming Pearl (8-11) at Redcar (9f, £915, firm, Aug 10, 11 ran). HARTBURN SARAH (9-7) beaten 2l by Boldera (9-2) at Catterick (1m 5f, £996, firm, July 26, 14 ran).
Selection: SIX O SIX AUCTION.

3.10 GARROWBY STAKES (Limited 3-y-o handicap: £8,194: 1m 2f 110yd) (12)

501 112002 BOLD INDIAN (Sir P Oppenheimer) G Wragg 9-7 ... L Piggott 2
502 111 TORWAR (V Zuco) L Cumani 9-4 ... D McHargue 6
503 212102 STRAIGHT MAN (CD) (Sir M Sobell) W Hern 8-13 ... W Carson 11
504 203000 KINGS ISLAND (C) (H King) C Brittain 8-12 ... Pat Eddery 8
505 41-1120 FOREST OF DEAN (B) (H Oppenheimer) H Candy 8-12 ... S Cauthen 9
506 141223 CHAUMIERE (CD) (R Swift) R J Williams 8-9 ... T Ives 5
507 03-0000 LALLAX (A Snape) M Leach 8-7 ... D Nicholls 1
508 410-004 DALESIDE REDWOOD (C) (Daleside Nurseries Ltd) T Fairhurst 8-6 ... R P Elliott 3
509 1-00000 JAMAIS DERIERRE (C) (Mrs C Block) C Booth 8-5 ... G Oldroyd 7
512 322113 YOUNG NICHOLAS (P Goulandris) P Walwyn 8-0 ... Paul Eddery 10
513 034130 LLINOS (J Lloyd) J Winter 8-0 ... R Fox 12
515 111410 K-BATTERY (C) (Mrs M Butler) W Elsey 8-0 ... J Love 4

1983: Bedtime 9-3 W Carson (3-1) W Hern 6 ran.

5-2 Torwar, 7-2 Straight Man, 9-2 Bold Indian, 13-2 Chaumiere, 8 Young Nicholas, 10 Forest Of Dean, 12 Kings Island, 14 others.

FORM: BOLD INDIAN (9-7) 2½l, 2nd to Elegant Air (9-6) at Redcar (1m 2f, £8,207, firm, Aug 11, 8 ran). TORWAR (9-9) easy 1l winner over Native Spell (7-10) at Yarmouth (1m 2f, £2,490, firm, July 3, 7 ran). Earlier, TORWAR (8-5) had KINGS ISLAND (9-7) 23l back in 14th, JAMAIS DERIERRE (8-13) a further neck away 15th and DALESIDE REDWOOD (9-4) another 3l back in 21st at Royal Ascot (8f, £10,743, firm, June 22, 28 ran). STRAIGHT MAN (9-7) had FOREST OF DEAN (9-5) over 9¾l back in 8th when short head 2nd to Broadleaf (8-3) at Newbury (1m 4f, £5,899, good, Aug 18, 10 ran). CHAUMIERE (8-6) 3rd over 12l to Sergeant Drummer (7-11) last time earlier (8-7) head 2nd to Llinos (8-1) at Newmarket (1m 2f, £4,207, good, Aug 4, 10 ran). YOUNG NICHOLAS (8-4) 12¾l 3rd to Raft (8-6) last time. Earlier (9-3) 7l winner over Rasseema (8-8) at Windsor (1m 2f, £938, good to firm, July 2, 19 ran).
Selection: STRAIGHT MAN.

3.45 GREEN HOWARDS CUP (Handicap: £3,199: 1m 6f) (9)

602 200033 MACMILLION (T McCarthy) Mrs B Waring 5-9-7 ... J Williams 9
603 4111-10 IVELOSTMYWAY (D) (Mrs D Zurcher) L Cumani 4-9-4 ... D McHargue 5
605 311222 BESPOKE (C,D) (Mrs W Hern) W Hern 3-9-4 ... W Carson 3
606 121010 AFZAL (K Fischer) R Hollinshead 4-9-2 ... S Perks 6
607 31202 MANIUSHA (Col F Hue-Williams) J Dunlop 3-8-9 ... Pat Eddery 4
609 10-2130 TRUE HERITAGE (D McIntyre) A Hide 5-8-3 ... B Rouse 8
610 043101 AGAINST THE GRAIN (A Rudolf) G Pritchard-Gordon 3-8-3 (3 ex) ... G Duffield 2
611 220401 DOMINATE (Mrs S Williams) P Mitchell 3-8-0 (6 ex) ... T Williams 5 1
612 403400 SWEETHEART (M Steele) W Haigh 4-7-7 ... M Fozzard 7 7

1983: No corresponding race.

9-4 Bespoke, 3 Dominate, 9-2 Afzal, 6 Maniusha, 8 Against The Grain, 12 Ivelostmyway, 14 others.

4.15 NEW YORK RACING ASSOCIATION TROPHY (3-y-o: £3,278: 1m 1f) (7)

701 BOLD ALLIANCE (Mrs C Block) C Booth 9-0 ... G Oldroyd 5
703 CAPTAIN BECHER (Mrs M Burrell) H Cecil 9-0 ... L Piggott 4
704 FAIRLY BOLD (E Moller) G Wragg 9-0 ... T Ives 6
705 04222 LUCKY NORTH (BF) (B) (Mrs R Du Pont) W Hern 9-0 ... W Carson 7
707 023 PETIT PAIN (L Sainer) P Walwyn 9-0 ... J Mercer 2
708 303303 SILVER PROSPECT (R Bullivant) R Hollinshead 9-0 ... S Perks 3
712 0-002 TREBERTH (P Burkhardt) D Laing 8-11 ... S Cauthen 1

1983: Fluke 8-11 W Carson (7-4 fav) J Dunlop 7 ran.

11-8 Lucky North, 2 Captain Becher, 4 Fairly Bold, 5 Petit Pain, 8 Treberth, 14 Silver Prospect, 20 others.

York results

Going: Good to Firm

1.0 QUINTIN GILBEY SILVER TROPHY (Handicap: £3,428: 7f)
ROYAL TROUPER b g by Comedy Star – Dancing Class (Mrs B Wilkinson) 5-8-5 ... E Hide (11-2 jt fav) 1
Polly's Brother ch h by Rol Soleil – Polairia (Mrs C Geraghty) 6-9-10 ... Hodgson (11-2 jt fav) 2
Murillo b g by Windjammer – Fuiseog (F Carr) 8-7-8 ... J Carr (20-1) 3
Also Ran: 6 Wild Wild Wheels 13-2 Top O'Th'Lane, Nunlamattist 11 Super Trip 12 Dunham Park, Stern (5th), 14 Mary Maguire (4th), Mel's Choice (6th), 20 Benz, 50 Marshall Red. 13 ran. NR: Rossett. ½l, 2l, nk, sh hd, ¾l. A Hide at Newmarket.
TOTE: Win: £5.60. Places: £1.80, £1.90, £6.90. DF: £16.60. CSF: £33.35. Tricast: £516.93.

1.30 GILBEY CHAMPION RACEHORSE FUTURITY (2-y-o: £7,674: 7f)
WAAFI b c by Wolver Hollow– Geraldville (F Salman) 8-7 ... T Quinn (7-2) 1
Moulik b c by Ela-Mana-Mou – Go Feather Go (Sheikh Mohammed) 9-0 ... W Carson (3-1) 2
Rusty Law gr c by Rusticaro – La Lola Fuller (S Niarchos) 9-0 ... L Piggott (2-1 fav) 3
Also Ran: 6-4 Truckdator (4th), 15-2 Tickly Bender (5th), 16 Commanding General (6th), 100 Hopeful Katie. 7 ran. 3l, nk, 1½, 2½, 12l. P Cole at Lambourn. TOTE: Win: £4.30. Places: £1.60, £1.30. DF £4.00. CSF: £13.58.

2.0 U K O VARIVUE NURSERY HANDICAP (2-y-o: £5,783: 1m)
MAGIC EYE b c by Northfields– Pahlavi Line (J Abdullah) 9-4 ... T Ives (11-1) 1
Greemont ch c by Monteverdi– Matroshka (R Sangster) 9-5 ... B Thomson (13-2) 2
Hopeful Heights b c by Full Of Hope– La Morne (V J Emsley Ltd) 9-0 ... C Coates (16-1) 3
Also Ran: 9-2 fav Great Symphony, 5 I'm Exceptional, 6 Single Love (5th), 15-2 Top Of The League (4th), 9 Real Appeal, 14 Duke of Cambridge, String of Beads, 16 Qualitair Boy (6th), 25 Scotch Rocket, Majik Prince. 13 ran. 1½l, ¾l, ½l, ½l, 1½l. G Hunter at East Ilsley.
TOTE: Win: £22.20. Places: £5.80, £2.40, £7.40. DF: £89.40. CSF: £77.37. Tricast: £1,048.10. 1min 42.50s.

2.35 STRENSALL STAKES (Fillies: £7,466: 7f)
CAPRICORN BELLE b f by Nonoalco– Supremely Royal (I Allan) 3-8-8 ... R Guest (8-1) 1
Shaneshilly b or br f by Glen Quaich– Idle Talk (Mrs J Price) 3-8-8 ... S Cauthen (8-1) 2
Dukayma b f by Northfields– Dumka (Aga Khan) 3-8-8 ... W R Swinburn (9-2) 3
ALSO RAN: Evens fav Miss Beaulieu, 16 Kilycurra (5th), 20 Turkish Delight, 25 Rosolio (4th), 33 Sheeog, 50 Starlit Sky, 100 City Link Rose (6th). 10 ran. 2½l, ¾l, 2½l, ½l, 4l. Cumani at Newmarket.
TOTE: Win: £9.20. Places: £1.70, £1.40, £1.50. DF: £23.40. CSF: £60.09. 1m 26.24s.

3.10 AVONDALE NEW ZEALAND STAKES (2-y-o: fillies: £3,895: 6f)
GREEN LEAF ch f by Alydar– Warfever (Mana Al Maktoum) 8-8 ... Paul Eddery (10-11 fav) 1
Charge Along ch f by Don– Belaying Pin (D McIntyre) 8-8 ... W R Swinburn (33-1) 2
Mill Sparrow b f by Mitford – Java Sparrow (T Holland-Martin) 8-12 ... L Piggott (6-1) 3
Also Ran: 100-30 Fleet of Foot (4th), 9 Jeanne Avril, 10 Chapelet (5th), 33 Winthataway (6th). 7 ran. 2l, 3l, ½l, 2l, 1l. H Cecil at Newmarket.
TOTE: Win: £2.00. Places: £1.50, £7.60. DF: £49.80. CSF: £22.29. 1m 15.51s.

3.45 EARL OF STRADBROKE NURSERY HANDICAP (2-y-o: £2,257: 5f)
PECKITTS WELL b f by Lochnager– Great Grey (Mrs C Geraghty) 8-4 ... K Hodgson (3-1) 1
Chase Paperchase b f by Malinoski – Loch Leven (J Bray) 9-7 ... L Piggott (7-2) 2
Lucky Song gr or ro f by Lucky Wednesday– Mums Song (M Callander) 9-7 ... M Wood (6-4 fav) 3
Also Ran: 13-2 Qualitair Flyer (4th) 12 Workaday. 5 ran. 2½l, head, ½l, 6l. M W Easterby at Sheriff Hutton.
TOTE: Win: £4.30. Places: £1.90, £1.20. DF: £6.00. CSF: £12.14. 1m 03.21s.

4.15 WESLINGTON STAKES (3-y-o: £3,598: 1m 4f)
CASSANDRA b or br f by Troy– Matinee (Lord Porchester) 8-8 ... W Carson (3-1 fav) 1
Russian Noble b c by Nijinsky– Noble Fancy (Sheikh Mohammed) 9-1 ... W R Swinburn (5-1) 2
Rhusted b c by Busted– Rhein bloom (A Shead) 9-4 ... S Cauthen (7-2) 3
ALSO RAN: 5 Reed Player, (5th), 6 I Bin Zaldoon (6th), 10 Yabis (4th), 25 Poona Express. 7 ran. Sh hd, 5l, 3l, sh hd, 8l. W Hern at West Ilsley.
TOTE: Win: £2.90. Places: £1.50, £2.80. DF: £7.10. CSF: £15.88. 2m 33.64s.
TOTE DOUBLE: £98.55. TREBLE: £51.30. JACKPOT: NOT WON. Pool of £5,668.41 carried forward to today. PLACEPOT: £132.95.

Bath

Going: Firm

2.0 (1m 5yd) 1, WITHOUT (Pat Eddery, 6-1); 2, Johnny Frenchman (A McGlone, 7-4 fav); 3, Hampton Walk (T Williams, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 8 African Image, Crimson Lady (5th), 7 Val's Pride (4th), 33 Emma's Star, Shiny Brief (6th), Tewton Lad, Three Parts. 10 ran. NR: Sharad. Hd, 2½l, 4l, 2l, nk. R Boss at Newmarket. TOTE: £5.30; £1.40, £1.30, £3.10. DF: £5.20. CSF: £15.35.

2.30 (1m 3f 150yd) 1, BRIGHTENER (G Starkey, 15-2); 2, Atomic Force (A Lequeux, 7-4 fav); 3, Russet (J Mercer, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Hard line (5th), 13-2 Trafitanzi (6th), 15-2 Bold Fisher, 8 Hieronymous (4th), 25 Don't Tell Arthur, Princess Sunshine, 33 Average, Bassett Girl. 11 ran. 15l, 3l, 4l, 6l, 4l. G Harwood at Pulborough. TOTE: £10.20; £2.70, £1.80, £1.80. DF: £21.60. CSF: 20.44.

3.0 (1m 5yd) 1, DUNANT (B Rouse, 7-2 fav); 2, Top Of The Mark (R Street, 9-1); 3, Kayus (N Adams, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Test Of Time (6th), 11-2 Empress Corina (4th), 8 Leonides, 10 Fan Club, 12 Star Of Gunner, Steel Pass, Taglo, 14 Ampersand. 11 ran. Hd, 2l, 1l, nk, hd. C Brittain at Newmarket. TOTE: £5.00; £1.90, £1.60, £6.80. DF: £16.40. CSF: £32.78.

3.30 (1m 5f 12yd) 1, PACIFICIOUS (N Howe, 13-2); 2 Winmeni (B Raymond 12-1); 3, Accuracy (W Higgins 16-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Non Nobis, 5 Carnet De Danse, 8 Lady Spey, 10 Ardoony (5th), 16 Coffee House (4th), 20 Highdrive, Lacefield, Shenycup, 33 Sandy Locks, Middin Thrang, Brigadier Hawk (6th), Acushla Macree. 15 ran. 5l, 1½l, sh-hd, 2½l. P Walwyn at Lambourn. TOTE: £5.40; £1.90, £3.70, £6.20. DF: £124.00. CSF: £73.39. Tricast: £1,067.29.

4.0 (5f 167yd) 1, ALL FOR LONDON (A Lequeux, 1-2 fav); 2, Ayrshire Lass (J Matthias 14-1); 3, Xylophone (J Mercer 10-1). ALSO RAN: 7 Stoneyford (4th), 10 Woomargama (6th), 14 Polly's Teahouses, 16 Severe Frost (5th), 25 River Woman, 33 Cygne, Friendly Belle, Just Dorothy, Kathstar, My Sweet Melody, Sally's Smile, Sleepline Maid. 15 ran. NR: Shandarobe. 8l, 4l, sh-hd, 1l, 2l. O Douieb at Newmarket. TOTE: £2.10; £1.30, £2.50, £2.50. DF: £16.90. CSF: £10.62.

4.30 (5f 167yd) 1, MUSING (J Reid 9-2); 2, Tyrollie (T Williams 9-1); 3, Kelly's Royale (Pat Eddery 4-6 fav). ALSO RAN: 12 Dimant Blanche (5th), Lady Daschamps (4th), 14 Magrine (6th), 20 Bold Investment, Lucky Angel, 50 Ninattash. NR: Matchstick Man. 9 ran hd, 2½l, 2l, 3l, ¾l. B Swift at Epsom. TOTE: £4.40; £1.20, £2.30, £1.10. DF: £16.40. CSF: £41.57. Tricast: £201.69.

Course specialists

YORK

TRAINERS: J Dunlop, 25 wins from 68 runs, 36.8%. H Cecil, 29 from 99, 29.3%. W Hern, 35 from 129, 27.1%.
JOCKEYS: L Piggott, 67 wins from 288 rides, 23.3%; W Carson, 58 from 271, 21.0%; S Cauthen, 43 from 265, 16.5%.

WORCESTER

GOING: good to firm

1 45 HARTLEBURY SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£503: 2m) (8 runners)

1 2ru-0 GOLD INLAY (B) (CD) (BF) J Jenkins 4-12-2 ... J Francome
2 ARRAS GIRL L Lightbrown 5-12-2 ... K Sims 7
3 3000- HAWARAN HEIR W Clay 5-11-3 ... S O'Neill
4 /0-p0f SHUTTLE D'OR (D) M Chapman 6-10-12 ... S Kaightley
6 p-200 THE KNIFE (CD) M James 6-10-4 ... Sharron James 7
7 000-4 SINGALONG JOE (D) (B) C Popham 6-10-3 ... J Suthern
8 00-41 TIA GIRL R Holder 6-10-0 ... E Murphy 7
9 00b4 BETSEY SHANNON H Harper 4-10-0 ... P Dever 4

1983: The Knife 5-11-4 Miss S James (9-1) M James 9 ran.

13-8 Gold Inlay, 5-2 Tia Girl, 9-2 Singalong Joe, 6 The Knife, 8 Shuttle D'or, 12 others.

Worcester selections

By Mandarin
1.45 Gold Inlay. 2.15 Summer Stop. 2.45 Filletts Farm. 3.15 Free Choice. 3.45 Highland Drake. 4.15 Aleos. 4.45 Stick Of Rock.

2 15 WYCHAVON NOVICE HURDLE (3-y-o: £548: 2m) (12)

1 1222 IN A NUTSHELL (B) J Jenkins 11-5 ... J Francome
2 1 NORTHERN HALO (D) F Jordan 11-5 ... R Hyett
3 CAMDEN PASSAGE G Balding 11-0 ... B Reilly
5 0 FORGE CLOSE J H Baker 11-0 ... H Davies
7 0 MR CARACTACUS E Witts 11-0 ... Lorna Vincent
9 002 PANTO PRINCE L Kennard 11-0 ... B Powell 4
10 RATHER EXCLUSIVE Mrs J Kington 11-0 ... R Kington
11 030 RUFCHA (B) D Sasse 11-0 ... C Brown
12 SAUCY SIGNOR W Clay 11-0 ... S O'Neill
14 3 SUMMER STOP O Sherwood 11-0 ... B de Haan
16 0 TOBY'S LUCK P Bailey 11-0 ... S Morshead
20 SILVER EMPRESS P Heyward 10-9 ... J H Davies 4

1983: Tommy Tudor 11-0 J Nolan (12-1) J O-Home 8 ran.

9-4 In A Nutshell, 3 Northern Halo, 9-2 Summer Stop, 11-2 Panto Prince, 8 Rufcha, 10 Toby's Luck, 14 others.

2 45 REDDITCH CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE (£1,308: 2m) (3)

1 2032- FILLETTS FARM (CD) T Forster 10-11-12 ... P Croucher
8 0300- DUNDRUM BAY (CD) A Barrow 9-11-0 ... P Stone
13 00-2f HARRY SIPPERS L Kennard 7-10-5 ... M Collett

1983: Dundrum Bay 8-11-7 P Stone (6-4) A Barrow 3 ran.

10-11 Filletts Farm, 15-8 Harry Sippers, 3 Dundrum Bay.

3.15 MALVERN HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,035: 3m) (8)

2 1221- CORRIB LAD R Hodges 9-11-9 ... –
3 4112- MISTER PITT (C) T M Jones 5-11-3 ... G McCourt
4 0221- FREE CHOICE (D) M Oliver 6-10-12 ... R Dunwoody
6 400-3 TOP REEF J Jenkins 8-10-5 ... J Francome
8 0/00p CULHAM (D) W Sheedy 9-10-2 ... Mrs L Sheedy
9 0303- STORTON C Hitchings 6-10-0 ... R Hyett
10 0/0-02 JOG W G Turner 7-10-0 ... A Sharpe
12 -0034 BLUE PATROL (B) C Popham 8-10-0 ... J Suthern

1983: Lucky George 5-11-3 R Linley (6-4) L Kennard 5 ran.

11-4 Jog, 7-2 Top Reef, 4 Corrib Lad, 9-2 Free Choice, 6 Mister Pitt, 10 Blue Patrol, 12 others.

3.45 DROITWICH HANDICAP CHASE (£1,466: 3m) (7)

1 000-1 MONEY FOR JAM T Bill 11-12-6 (7 ex) ... G Williams 7
3 040-2 JOHN SILVER (CD) D Wintle 8-11-2 ... R Hyett
4 02p-p KARS (D) J Old 8-11-2 ... G Bradley
6 1p11 HIGHLAND DRAKE I Wardle 11-10-0 (7 ex) ... R Rowe
7 0034- HERIOT J Priday 12-10-0 ... G Jones
8 0p-30 FARMER FRED (D) (B) M Scudamore 8-10-0 ... P Scudamore
10 0-303 POOR EXCUSE O Hanley 9-10-0 ... B Powell 4

1983: Ballyacorey 7-11-7 C Brown (4-9 fav) M Usher 3 ran.

4-5 Highland Drake, 3 Money For Jam, 5 John Silver, 10 Poor Excuse, 14 Farmer Fred, 16 others.

4.15 ALCESTER NOVICE CHASE (£988: 2m 4f) (4)

1 3-2f1 GOLLYNO Mrs E Kennard 7-12-0 ... R Hoare
3 40-11 ALEOS J Old 7-11-7 ... Mr R Whettam
7 10p0- DON TOMY D Barons 8-11-7 ... H Davies
9 040- MILLSTREAM E Farr 8-11-7 ... Peter Hobbs

1983: Anointed 7-12-0 G McCourt (4-5 fav) P Bevan 6 ran.

4-6 Aleos, 3 Gollyno, 6 Don Tomy, 10 Millstream.

4 45 GRUNWICK STAKES (National Hunt flat race: £600: 2m) (15)

2 010- BOOTLEGGERS MOLL (D) A Bailey 4-11-7 ... –
3 FRAUD SQUAD R G Williams 5-11-7 ... –
4 FRED THE NEEDLE D M Richards 6-11-7 ... –
6 MASTER ECHO Mrs V Teal 5-11-7 ... –
8 0- FINAL SPARKLE Lady S Brooke 4-11-5 ... Mr B Dowling 7
9 GOLD WARBLER M Oliver 4-11-5 ... Mr J Weston
10 IVOR'S KID M Pipe 4-11-5 ... Miss H Hendel 7
11 PENTIGILI J Thomas 4-11-5 ... –
12 STICK OF ROCK D Barons 4-11-5 ... Mr M Armytage 7
14 ANNIE HOTSPUR A Chamberlain 6-11-2 ... Mr C Smyth 7
15 0- GRAFTON MAISEY J Bosley 5-11-2 ... Mr M Bosley 7
16 LONLEY WOOD Mrs J Kington 5-11-2 ... –
18 MARKET RUN P O Haynes 4-11-0 ... P Corrigan 7
19 NURSE PAT M Pipe 4-11-0 ... J Lower 7
20 SILVER KEYS M Pipe 4-11-0 ... P A Farrell 7

1983: Scottish Bavard 4-10-7 W Newton (3-1) R Holder 14 ran.

3 Bootleggers Moll, 4 Stick Of Rock, 9-2 Ivor's Kid, 5 Gold Warbler, 6 Nurse Pat, 8 Market Run, 10 Grafton Maisey, 14 others.

Provideo prize for O'Gorman

Provideo's record-breaking 14th victory of the season in the Champion Two-Year-Old Trophy at Ripon last Monday has earned Bill O'Gorman the Piper Champagne "Trainer of the Month" award for August.

The presentation could take place at Kempton Park on Friday if Provideo's owner, Ahmed Foustok, agrees with O'Gorman that the Bonusprint Sirenia Stakes over six furlongs should be the record-breaking two-year-old's next target.

O'Gorman says: "He must have a good chance at the weights here – he would only have to give away 3lbs." The alternative is the Highflyer Stakes over five furlongs at Thirsk on Saturday.

Lost for words

Stewards at Haydock Park on Friday will be hoping they do not have to interview the jockey of Shaf after the Birkdale Selling Stakes – he does not speak a word of English. Mugbil Sultan, from Saudi Arabia, will be having his first ride in Britain on Steve Norton's two-year-old after flying over earlier this week to begin a month-long stay.

The rider of some 35 winners for Prince Yaazid in his native country, Sultan will be hoping to pick up a number of mounts during his visit. He may ride for Alan Bailey and other trainers as well as Steve Norton, who trains a number of horses over here for Prince Yaazid.

Special Vintage heads market

With the weights for the Cesarewitch at Newmarket next month published yesterday, the sponsors, the Tote, have opened their ante-post list with Special Vintage as 14-1 market leader.

The weights are as follows:

CAMBRIDGESHIRE: Sehoor 4yrs 10st 0lb, Larionov 4-9-13, Spanish Place 4-9-11, Bob Back 3-9-11, Fabulous Habit 3-9-11, Bold Indian 3-9-11 Hot Rodder 3-9-11, Blushing Scribe 3-9-11, King Of Clubs 3-9-9, Torwar 3-9-8, So True 4-9-7, Cabello 5-9-7, Ministerial 3-9-7, Straight Man 3-9-7, Lak Lustre 3-9-6, Macarthurs Head 3-9-5, Remorseless 4-9-4, Monongelia 4-9-4, Captain Singleton 3-9-4, Miss Thames 4-9-4, High Debate 3-9-2, Hajes 3-9-2, Kellathi 4-9-1, Kings Island 3-9-1, Mennea 5-9-1, Water Moccasin 3-9-1, Southern Arrow 3-9-1, Royal Halo 3-9-1, My Tony 4-9-0, Crampon 3-9-0, Calfucci 3-9-0, Basil Boy 5-9-0, Gouverno 5-8-13, Saving Mercy 4-8-13, Quick Work 3-8-12, Knight's Banner 3-8-12, Bank Parade 3-8-12.

Fandango beat 3-8-11, Sunoak 4-8-11, Vintage Toll 4-8-11, Capricorn Belle 3-8-11, Lara 3-8-11, Cataldi 3-8-11, Portlaw 3-8-10, Khwlah 3-8-10 Wylfa 3-8-9, Promised Isle 3-8-9, Persia 3-8-9, Johnny Nobody 4-8-8, Mailman 5-8-8, Jamais Derierre 3-8-8, Gamblers Dream 7-8-8, Moores Metal 4-8-8, Test Of Time 3-8-8, El Gitano 4-8-7, Florida Son 5-8-7, Carocrest 3-8-7, Miss Saint-Cloud 3-8-7, Comedy Fair 4-8-6, Shaady 5-8-5, Verchinina 3-8-5, Coulee Queen 3-8-5, Leysh 3-8-5, Karkan 3-8-4, Visible Form 3-8-4, Bustling Nelly 3-8-4, Moulton Boy 3-8-4, Plebiscite 3-8-3, Adyemann 3-8-3, Golden Capistrano 3-8-3, Tapping Wood 3-8-3, Garden Route 4-8-3, Young Nicholas 3-8-3, Joyful Dancer 4-8-3, Lucky North 3-8-2, Holmbury 4-8-2, Nasr 3-8-2, Camden Milly 3-8-1, Come On The Blues 5-8-1, Rapid Lad 6-8-1, Morwray Boy 4-8-1, Miss Bali Beach 4-8-1, Advance 3-8-1, Any Business 3-8-1.

Agaba Prince 4-8-0, Dunant 3-8-0, Windpipe 6-8-0, Aconitum 3-8-0, Barrie Baby 4-8-0, Scythe 3-8-0, Scarlet O'Harlot 3-7-13, Talk Of Glory 3-7-13, Fan Club 3-7-13, Assail 3-7-13, Peter Martin 3-7-13, Tug Top 3-7-12, Llinos 3-7-12, Court And Spark 3-7-12, Speedwell 3-7-11, Roman Beach 4-7-11, Leonidas 6-7-11, Scoutsmistake 5-7-11, Hay Street 3-7-11, Sharp Wit 3-7-10, Tremblant 3-7-10, Silly Boy 4-7-10, Pather 3-7-10, K-Battery 3-7-10, Crisp 3-7-9, Romoss 6-7-9, Spotjoy 3-7-9, Star Of A Gunner 4-7-5, Ra Nova 5-7-4, Lobkowiez 5-7-4, Theraise 3-7-4, Mafoo's Image 3-7-4, Pagan Sun 3-7-4, Quickstep 3-7-3, Double Quick Time 3-7-3, Qualitair Prince 5-7-2, Kid 'Em 3-7-1, Steel Venture 5-7-1, Duelling 3-7-0, First Quadrant 6-7-0, Wild Hope 3-6-13, King Of Speed 5-6-13, Flaming Peace 3-6-12, Scrummage 6-6-12, Cascabel 3-6-11, High Pitched 5-6-0, Acclamation 3-5-10. To be run over 1m 1f at Newmarket, Sat, Oct 6.

CESAREWITCH: Gilderan 4-10-, Harly 4-9-13, Asir 4-9-3, Another Sam 7-9-1, Voyant 5-9-0, Wagoner 4-8-13, Dancing Affair 4-8-8, Valuable Witness 4-8-7, Special Vintage 4-8-6, Noorion 4-8-6, Contrelipe 6-8-6, Fortune's Guest 4-8-6, Fitzpatrick 5-8-5, Cima 6-8-4, Night Eye 4-8-0, Diabolical Liberty 3-7-13, Dancing Admiral 4-7-13, Bespoke 3-7-13, Right Regent 6-7-12, Prince Crow 3-7-12, Contester 4-7-12, Popsi's Joy 9-7-12, Jerry Can 3-7-12, Kayudee 4-7-12, Jackdaw 4-7-11, Ivelostmyway 4-7-11, Broadleaf 3-7-10, Water Cannon, 3-7-10, Water Cannon 3-7-10, Moon Mariner 4-7-9, Appeal To Me 4-7-9, Morgans Choice 7-7-9, Kurosawa 4-7-9, Rothko 3-7-9, Treasure Hunter 5-7-8, Fleeting Knight 4-7-8, Shanton Way 4-7-8, Rikki Tavi 4-7-7, Out Of The Gloom 3-7-7, Rhuellie 3-7-7.

Sneak Preview 4-7-6, Pip 4-7-5, Incredible Idea 4-7-5, Hapless Haze 3-7-5, Amerok 4-7-4, Pretty Picture 5-7-4, Buranpour 4-7-3, Dark Proposal 6-7-2, Laurie's Panther 3-7-2, Little Look 3-7-1, Oranella 4-7-0, Lobkowiez 5-7-0, Symbolic 4-7-0, San-Carlos Bay 3-7-0, Carlo 7-7-0, Powersaver Lad 4-7-0, Hold Tight 6-5-13, Hi Easter 4-6-12, Kingswick 4-6-12, Suppers Ready 6-6-12, Bruni Baby 3-6-12, Hazel Bush 4-6-12, Amber Heights 4-6-11, Rig Steel 4-6-11, Taqdir 3-6-11, Cheeky Rupert 4-6-10, Ack Ack Regiment 4-6-10, Tom Sharp 4-6-10, Trade Line 3-6-9, Tree Mallow 6-6-9, Trickshot 5-6-9, Coral Heights 3-6-9, Tirwadda 3-6-8, Pottstown 3-6-8, Bellamuse 4-6-8, Manor Farm Toots 5-6-8, Misfini 4-6-8, Harlyn Bay 3-6-7, Florenzo 4-6-6, Miss Annie 4-6-6, Pearlpin 4-6-5, Another Generation 7-6-5, Stay Sharp 4-6-4, Super Express 3-6-4, Cheka 8-6-3, Wordsworth 4-6-3.

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Public Appointments

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Director — London-Based

Nicholas Hinton is leaving after seven years' service and the National Council is therefore seeking a new Director.

NCVO is an independent charity, furthering the policies, interests and competence of the voluntary sector. Its Director heads a variously-specialist staff of 150, and is accountable for policy initiatives and their implementation. The job requires senior management experience and personal effectiveness in an unusually wide range of direct relationships which include the voluntary sector, government and industry and represents a rare opportunity to influence values and results in the field of social policy, practice and provision.

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For full details please write to The Chairman (DI), NCVO, 26 Bedford Square, London, WC1B 3HU.

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City of Manchester — Town Clerk's Department
Legal and Parliamentary Section

Assistant Solicitor (Airport)

(£13,395/£14,709) Pay Award Pending.

Manchester International Airport, managed by a Joint Committee of Greater Manchester Council and Manchester City Council, known as the Manchester International Airport Authority, is the third largest airport in the Country in terms of passengers carried and has been designated as a Category A Gateway International Airport. A programme of development and expansion at the Airport is currently being undertaken by the Airport Authority.

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Applications, by letter, stating qualifications, present and ALL previous appointments, together with the names and addresses of two referees, should be sent to the Staff Officer, Town Clerk's Department, Town Hall, Manchester, M60 2LA, to be received not later than 21st September, 1984. *An Equal Opportunity Employer*

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IVS

Finance Officer

NATIONAL CONSUMER COUNCIL

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In addition to good basic educational qualifications the successful applicant must have some formal training in accountancy and/or relevent work experience. An appreciation of government funding and departmental procedures would be a great advantage.

Starting salary £7,592 rising to £9,338 including London Weighting of £1,250 – subject to backdated increase with effect from 1 April 1984. Terms and conditions of employment are comparable with the civil service.

Please *write* for job description and application form from Sharon Hancock, Secretary in Administration Group, NCC, 18 Queen Anne's Gate, London SW1. Completed forms must be received at NCC by Monday 17 September.

Sussex Rural Community Council

DIRECTOR

Applications are invited by 1st October 1984 for the post of Director of the Sussex Rural Community Council, which provides a focus for voluntary organisations concerned with the prosperity, welfare and environment of rural communities in East and West Sussex.

The Director is expected to be able to work with voluntary and statutory bodies at all local and, when appropriate, national levels. An ability to inspire self-help among rural communities is an essential requirement. Knowledge of the Sussex scene will also be valuable.

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Further details from the Chairman, Sussex Rural Community Council, Sussex House, 212 High Street, Lewes, East Sussex, BN7 2NH.

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SAFETY CO-ORDINATOR. Minimum requirements: B.Sc. in Mechanical or Chemical Engineering or equivalent. 10 years related experience. Basic functions: Ensure that operating units maintain the required industrial safety, occupational health and loss prevention standards. Promotes the establishment of safe work practices throughout the HPD Sector. Controls, guides and monitors operating activities by means of; appropriate occupational health and safety rules and regulations, standing orders, procedures, training programmes, etc. Inspects and audits the safety practices in applications and recommends to local unit management the shut-down or supervision of any unsafe operation which may endanger life. SR. No. 4.

PROCUREMENT SUPERINTENDENT. Minimum requirements: Degree in Business Economics or equivalent. 10-15 years related experience. Basic functions: Responsible for the complete control of procurement activities including Purchasing, Expediting, Traffic and Shipping of Engineering materials and spare parts initially on behalf of the operating entities of the H.P. Directorate, provides guidance and direction of all procurement personnel assigned to the Department ensuring H.P.D. Procurement Policies are strictly observed. SR. No. 5.

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ASST. CONTRACTS ENGINEER. Minimum requirements: Degree in Engineering or equivalent. 5 years related experience. Basic Functions: Provides assistance to Contracts Engineers. Assists in carrying out procedures for development and evaluation of contracts and service agreement for operating units and divisions. Also assesses the quantities and compiles the B.O.Q. in participation with the Originator. SR. No. 7.

PLANNING ENGINEER. Minimum requirements: B.Sc. in Natural Science or Chemical Engineering. 5 years related experience. Basic functions: Participate in the periodic development of integrated running plans programmes for implementation by the Division's refineries. To work closely with the ADNOC training and supply function and refineries on all refined product qualities matters. To analyse and assess various innovations, technical trends, modifications, and Government Environmental Regulations on a wide range of products. SR. No. 8.

PLANNING & PREPARATION SECTION HEAD. Minimum requirements: B.Sc. in Mechanical or Electrical or Civil Engineering. 8 years related experience. Basic functions: Manage overall maintenance planning and preparation section activities. Plans, coordinates and schedules major works plan, especially turn-arounds. Assist in preparing preventive maintenance programme and day to day scheduling. Determine scope of work to be contracted and follow up contractor work progress and performance, assist in preparation of maintenance budget and cost analysis & monitors for all statistics and reports. SR. No. 9.

MECH. MAIN. SECTION HEAD. Minimum requirements: B.Sc. Degree in Mechanical Engineering. 10 years related experience. Basic functions: Directs, coordinates, controls and supervises the overall activities of Mechanical Maintenance Section in the Refinery. Includes the supervision of mechanical shops and coordination between mechanical and other Engineering crafts in the maintenance department to ensure smooth operation of maintenance activities. Also includes maintenance and performance monitoring of rotating equipment. SR. No. 10.

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CONTROL SYSTEMS ENGINEER. Minimum requirements: B.Sc. in Electronics or Computer Programming. 8 years related experience. Basic functions: Overall responsibility of the Computer group with coordination and supervision of all activities for repair, maintenance and minor software system modifications related to computers including all peripheral devices, analysers and other microprocessor based equipment and systems in Ruwais Refinery Complex and related areas. Complexity of these activities necessitate an experienced specialist in Computer fields. SR No. 12.

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METALLURGICAL & CORROSION ENGINEER. Minimum requirements: Degree in Chemical or Metallurgical Engineering. 8 years related experience. Basic functions: Study and advise Refinery on equipment remaining life, operating practices (from corrosion point of view), materials of construction and all related matters based on studies from data available. Job involves direct responsibility with respect to critical Refinery equipment in determining the remaining life of equipment and shutdown dates for repairs and in studying pattern of corrosion/erosion/failure of equipment and determining corrective action such as change in operating practices, substitution of malts of construction, change in configuration of piping or internal etc. SR No. 15.

PROCESS ENGINEER. Minimum requirements: B.Sc. in Chemical Engineering. 6 years related experience. Basic functions: Planning, monitor, coordination and direction of process engineering studies of the Hydrocracker and the Hydrogen production units. Monitoring and controlling performance of the above units for optimum yields, minimum consumption of chemicals, loss prevention, trouble shooting and initiation of studies to improve operating efficiency. Sets up, runs and evaluates computer programs for operation control and studies related to the above units. SR No. 16.

SAFETY INSPECTOR. Minimum requirements: B.Sc. in Chemical Engineering or equivalent. 8 years related experience. Basic functions: Responsible for all aspects of Refinery & Jetty Accident and Fire prevention programmes and activities. Job includes establishment of safe practices, setting up adequate safety equipment, enforcement of safe working methods, ensure safe working conditions, Training and Safety promotion, Safety Statistics for all operations in the Refinery. SR No. 17.

MARINE SECTION HEAD. Minimum requirements: Master Certificate of Competency or B.Sc. in Marine Engineering or equivalent. 7 years related experience. Basic functions: Plans, directs, and supervises the activities of assigned personnel in the Marine Section. Directs and controls Marine activities to ensure that Tankers movements and loading are carried out promptly and according to schedules. Prepares specification for Marine Services relating to Berths, mooring equipments, navigational aids, under-water inspection and any other marine services. SR No. 18.

MECHANICAL ENGINEER. Minimum requirements: Degree from a recognized University in Mechanical Engineering. 5 years related experience. Basic functions: Study, estimate, analysis and design work connected with all major investment and expense items for modifications/additions and improvements to existing facilities at the Refinery. Job normally covers those items that involve installation by Company Maintenance Department or involving contract work. Excludes projects which may be referred to outside contracting firms and modifications involving piping systems, process equipment etc. Study and suggest solutions to field problems. Also minor routine field modifications. SR No. 19.

MATERIAL SECTION HEAD. Minimum requirements: B.Sc. in Mechanical Engineering. 10 years related experience. Basic functions: Supervises and coordinates the technical, managerial and statistical aspects of engineering materials procured and stocked. Including compiling vendor ratings and recommendation of prospective suppliers, monitoring procurement/deliveries on site, developing charts, reports and studies to improve the efficiency of operations; providing technical advice to various departments; and coordinating and monitoring the vocabularies and computerisation of material control. SR No. 20.

Hand written applications containing full details of applicant i.e.: full name, address, nationality, in addition to related testimonials and two photographs, quoting reference No, are to be addressed to:

H.P. Director
Hydrocarbon Processing Directorate
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General Appointments

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Deputy Head of Department

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Please write in confidence enclosing a detailed CV to the Personnel Department, Channel 4 Television, 60 Charlotte Street, London W1P 2AX quoting ref LC/4.

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Candidates should have substantial experience in a planning and co-ordinating role in a competitive marketing environment. The ability to establish and maintain an effective marketing function in a technical activity is essential. The ability to communicate effectively, both in the written and spoken word is an essential requirement of this post. A good financial knowledge, with an eye for detail is required, together with a degree or similar qualification in marketing or business studies.

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Manager, Personnel Services - Marketing,
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South East Thames Regional Health Authority

Regional General Manager

Applications are invited by the South East Thames Regional Health Authority for the post of Regional General Manager. The Region is responsible, via 15 District Health Authorities, for providing health care for 3.6 million people living in South East London, Kent and East Sussex. It has a revenue allocation of £750 million and employs some 80,000 staff.

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The appointment will be on a fixed term three year contract, renewable thereafter every two years.

Shortlisted candidates will be interviewed during the last week of September.

Applications including a full statement of career to date and a telephone number through which contact may be made should be sent to Ms. Angela Moon, Chairman's Office, South East Thames Regional Health Authority, Thrift House, Collington Avenue, Bexhill-on-Sea, East Sussex TN39 3NQ. Telephone (0424) 222555 Ext 3381, no later than 17th September 1984.



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The Principal Personnel Officer
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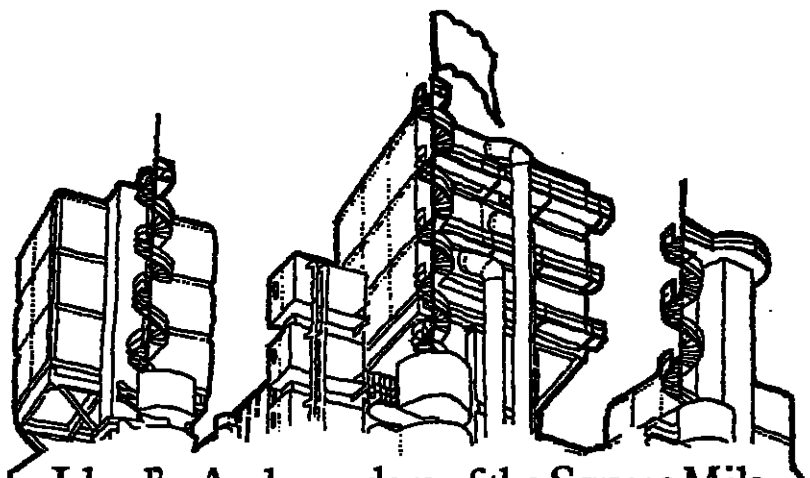
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Hard bargaining for architects

Godfrey Golzen on what the changes in fees can mean

When the Royal Institute of British Architects elected to relax their code of professional conduct in 1979 they set a trend which has now spread to several other professions. Until recently architects were not allowed to advertise, a *prohibition* which included soliciting work by sending brochures or speculative letters to potential clients.

They were also disbarred from various other types of commercial enterprise: in particular they were not permitted to form limited companies or to act as developers in their own right. In fact like many such legalistic changes the relaxation in the code only recognized a situation which had already been eroded.

"The architect must not solicit," wrote Eric Lyons, a former RIBA president, "but he can loiter with intent at the nineteenth hole". It was to prevent these rather undignified practices that the members changed a mandatory code to one which simply set gentlemanly standards of good behaviour in the way business was obtained. For instance, supplanting a fellow-architect on a job is still forbidden.

A question of negotiation

The code relaxation has occurred more or less in conjunction with another change in professional practice which has to do with the way *government* – and indeed *consumers* – are challenging some of the more cartel-like aspects of the professions. This was the abolition of mandatory fee scales, a step which most architects regard as much more significant than the freedom to market their work – though it certainly gives it added relevance.

Instead of getting a fixed minimum percentage of the contract value of the building, architects now have to negotiate fees with the client. Though clients have been quick to point out that under the old system the more costs escalated – sometimes because of mistakes made by the architect – the more architects made, the abolition of mandatory fees has been traumatic for the profession. It can be compared to the impact on solicitors of the proposed abolition of the conveyancing monopoly.

The situation is made worse because of the sharp decline in public sector work. Once the backbone of the fee income of a great many practices, it has shrunk to less than 40 per cent and architects are now exposed to some very tough bargaining by developers and others who are only too well aware that they are operating in a buyer's market.

Most architects feel that one answer to these competitive conditions is to provide the client with a wider range of services and thus to increase fee income. By offering project management – essentially taking over the contractor's role of supervising the work of subcontractors – they can charge a much higher percentage.

Ray Moxley of Moxley, Jenner & Partners, a leading protagonist of what is called Alternative Methods of Management and the author of a forthcoming book on fee negotiations, says that clients also get a better deal that way.

"Contractors put in a low bid and then come up afterwards with a whole sheaf of claims which they blame on the architect. With the architect in charge the bid should also be the final cost."

The other answer to the dilemma of diminishing fees is for architects to act as developers. Some of them are now embarking down that road, but the bulk of the profession are sceptical. They feel that to take commercial responsibility for finding funds and tenants requires a skill for which they are not suited by temperament nor training, though in the legislatively simpler world of the nineteenth century architects like Nash acted as developers as well.

Training is a big problem for architects who are trying to adapt to these various changes in professional practice. "The implications of that is only one of the things that architects need to keep track of," says Peter Gibbs-Kennet, the RIBA's director of Education and Professional Development. "Apart from building technology itself, there's the whole business of computers. There are changes in legislation and there are now forms of building contract emerging like the new one produced by the Association of Consultant Architects which some people think is ideally suited to new management methods.

"The schools don't have time to teach more than the use of the JCT contract, which is the one that is most widely accepted."

The trouble is that the full-length course of architecture in the 37 schools already lasts seven years. Rather than spin it out further, the RIBA, like other professional bodies, is trying to institute a programme of Continuing Professional Development: seminars, lectures and short course offered in mid-career because it is only then that the relevance of much that has to be learned can be appreciated.

The Government is also encouraging this concept but they are not putting any money into it. "There's the rub," says Gibbs-Kennet. "Continuing Professional Development is expensive in terms of time and money to the practising architect, and it's not mandatory. Only 12 per cent – 15 per cent of the profession participate."

He sees some hope, however, in the *fact that the new technology is itself* making learning more flexible. Instead of architects coming to courses it may soon become economically possible to bring courses to architects through tapes and videos. "What I'd really like to see is an open university of Continuing Professional Development."

Controlling new entrants

At the moment the RIBA is discussing with the schools of architecture how they could play a *wider role in CPD. The Institute* would like to stabilise the number of new entrants coming into the profession. There are already 28,000 architects in Britain and the number is expected to grow to 32,000 by 1992.

The future role of the universities and polytechnics as the RIBA would like to see it would be to provide mid-career *training to improve the skills of* those who are already in the profession rather than adding to the increasing number of architects who are under or un-employed.

Curiously enough, in spite of the well-publicised criticism of architects and the fact that they are poorly paid by comparison with other professions – the median salary *is £13,000* – the pressure for places at architectural schools remains strong. Last year numbers grew by 7 per cent, which Gibbs-Kennet thinks reflects a greater public awareness of the built environment and one of the RIBA's missions at present is to find some way of incorporating that in the school curriculum.

This, they feel, is a more rewarding approach than the other solution that has been suggested, of making the university course in architecture a non-vocational one.

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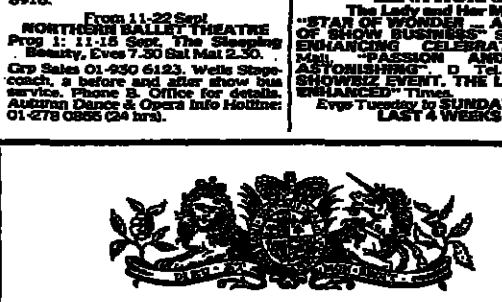
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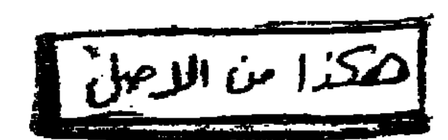
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9.00 MacLeod's America: Donny MacLeod at a country and western festival in Nashville, Tennessee (r).

9.20 Trades Union Congress 1984. Coverage of the morning's debates at Brighton from Vincent Hanna and Lord Scanlon. 10.30 Play School, presented by Brian Jameson (r). 10.50 Trades Union Congress 1984. Further coverage of the morning's proceedings. 12.45 Ceefax.

1.00 News After Noon with Moira Stuart and Sandi Marshall. The weather prospects come from Ian McCaskill. 1.27 Regional news (London and SE only: Financial report followed by news headlines with subtitles). 1.30 Postman Pat (r).

1.45 Nancy Mitford. Profile of the novelist (r).

2.50 Film: Honeymoon* (1947) starring Shirley Temple. Romantic comedy about a young woman from Minnesota who arrives in Mexico City to look for her corporal fiance. Directed by William Keighley. 4.00 Diversions. 4.08 Regional news (not London).

4.10 Play School, presented by Sheelagh Gilbey. 4.25 The Amazing Adventures of Morph. 4.30 Huckleberry Finn and his Friends. Episode 23 of the 26-part serial based on the novels by Mark Twain (r).

4.55 Newsround. 5.00 Bellamy's Backyard Safari. David Bellamy continues his slug's eye view safari through a British back garden (r). (Ceefax titles page 170).

5.30 Grange Hill. Part one of a repeat showing of the 18-episode serial (Ceefax titles page 170). 5.58 Weather.

6.00 News with Sue Lawley and Nicholas Witchell.

6.30 London Plus.

6.55 Top of the Pops introduced by John Peel and Janice Long.

7.25 'Allo 'Allo! Comedy starring Gordon Kaye as Rene, Frenchman helping RAF men escape from occupied France (r). (Ceefax titles page 170). (see Choice).

8.00 The Magnificent Evans. A new comedy series starring Ronnie Barker in the title role - 'genius, photographer and man of letters'. The character is a hectoring bully who makes life hell for his long-suffering long-suffering fiancee, Rachel, played by Sharon Morgan. (Ceefax titles page 170).

8.30 The Hot Shoe Show starring Wayne Sleep. A new series of song, dance and comedy shows begins with, among the guest list, Bonnie Langford, Julian Lloyd Webber and from the Royal Ballet Bryony Brind and Ashley Page.

9.00 News with Julia Somerville.

9.25 Bird of Prey 2, by Ron Hutchinson. Richard Griffiths again stars as the reluctant hero, Henry Jay, the mild mannered civil servant (Ceefax titles page 170) (see Choice).

10.15 Heart of the Matter. The first of a new series begins with The Merchant of Menace - a profile of the controversial Rabbi Kahane.

10.50 Tuma. Jimmy Perry remembers Douglas Byng, Al Bowlly, George Robey, Lily Morris and Robb Wilton.

11.20 We Got It Made. American comedy series.

11.45 News headlines and weather.

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6.25 Good Morning Britain presented by Anne Diamond and Nick Owen. News with Gordon Honeycombe at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; sport at 6.35 and 7.37; guest, Tom Baker; from 6.45 exercises with 6.48 and 9.20; the day's anniversaries at 6.51; consumer affairs at 7.14; Popeye cartoon at 7.22; Heaven 17 pop video at 7.54; Pat Hayes's house at 8.15; reviews of the films Unfaithfully Yours and Spinal Tap at 8.34; d-i-y advice at 8.43; coping with children who will not eat at 9.06.

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9.25 Thames News headlines followed by Sesame Street. 10.25 Dick Tracy Cartoon. The Calico Cat. 10.30 Film: 'Saratoga' (1932) starring Laurel and Hardy who are stranded in a thunderstorm when they are rescued by an amicable toper.

10.50 Mysteries, Myths and Legends of the sea. Stories of Killer whales and man-eating sharks. 11.20 Once Upon a Time. Man. An animated history series. 11.45 The Little Rascals in Anniversary Trouble.

12.00 Heggerty Haggerty. George Cole reads another tale about the friendly witch. 12.10 Mooncat and Co with guest, Kenny Lynch. 12.30 The Sullivans.

1.00 News. 1.20 Thames news. 1.30 Falcon Crest. Julia is needled by a fellow prisoner and the matron tells her that she has to pay for protection.

2.30 Daytime. Topical discussion programme presented by Sarah Kennedy. 3.00 Take The High Road. The new owner of the Estate is introduced to Jimmy. 3.25 Thames news headlines 3.30 Sons and Daughters.

4.00 Heggerty Haggerty. A repeat of the programme shown at noon. 4.15 The Moomins (r). 4.20 Video and Chips. Programme four of a six-part series about high technology for young people. 4.45 Starstrider with pupils from Temple Cowley School, Oxford; Morecambe High School; and Park Middle School, Stoke-on-Trent.

5.15 Blockbusters. Bob Holness with another edition of the general knowledge quiz for 16 to 18-year-olds.

5.45 News. 6.00 Thames news.

6.25 Thames Sport presented by Steve Rider who reports from Sunningdale on the first round of the Panasonic European Open Golf Championship.

6.50 Knight Rider. A new series begins with the invincible talking car, KITT, being threatened by a similar truck driven by the evil Garthe, an escaped prisoner who is out to settle an old score with Michael Knight.

8.30 Duty Free. A return of the comedy series about two couples on a package holiday in Spain starts with David being disowned by the other three. (Oracle titles page 170).

8.00 Jim Davidson's Special. Comedy and music from the Cockney comedian and guests.

10.00 News.

10.30 Hill Street Blues. Belker, upset by the death of an old but amiable adversary, joins fellow officers undercover at a major drug eruption, while Lucy Bates begins to feel lonely after her promotion.

11.30 The Panasonic European Open Golf Championship. Highlights of the first round from the Sunningdale Old Course, introduced by Steve Rider. The commentators are John Jacobs and Renton Laidlaw.

12.15 Night Thoughts.

Celia Bannerman in the film Biddy (Channel 4, 9.30pm)

CHOICE

● BIDDY (Channel 4, 9.30pm), Christine Edzard's hypnotic film about a Victorian housemaid who survives the passing of decades in the same household deals with a rare kind of drudgery: servility without resentment, and carrying of the heaviest of workloads with the lightest of hearts. These days, Biddy would be dubbed a workaholic. Her obsession with orderliness almost gives her the appearance of a simpleton. She is shown to have no existence beyond ironing, sewing, embroidering, telling nursery tales to her young charges, and quoting from Shelley and Shakespeare. I have called the film hypnotic. Perhaps trance-like might be more accurate. The voiced thoughts are hushed: sometimes they do not seem even to be coming from the same world that the speakers inhabit. The camera slowly glides along in slippered feet. There is no artificial light. We never venture into the outside world: indeed, there does not seem to be an outside world. Biddy is not only a film of much visual beauty and a microscopically detailed evocation of a vanished domestic lifestyle. It is faintly unnerving, too.

● BIRD OF PREY: 2 (BBC 1, 9.25pm) has a perfectly comprehensible opening titles sequence: a computer game in which a fox gobbles up every farmyard animal in sight except a fleeing piglet. Taking the piglet to be the portly civil servant Henry Jay (again played by Richard Griffiths), we can safely assume that Jay is still the principal target of a multi-national crime syndicate engaged in computer fraud. So far, so clear. Thereafter, I'm afraid I lost contact with the hideous electronic complexities of *Bird of Prey 2*, though it is evident that Jay is having mother-in-law trouble, and that, despite what they say about him, he is far from being just a meat-and-two-veg husband.

● 'ALLO, 'ALLO (BBC 1, 7.25pm), the new comedy series about a wartime French café that is used by the Resistance to help smuggle British airmen back home, begins tomorrow night. Tonight's instalment is a scene-setter, first seen last October. It has a Nazi officer stuffing a cuckoo-clock down his trousers, and British airmen got up to look like onion men. And it is far funnier than I have made it sound.

Peter Davalle

TONIGHT'S PROM

7.30 Dvorak's Symphonic Poem: The Noonday Witch. Martinu's Symphony No 4.

8.40 Brahms's Piano Concerto No 2. Royal Philharmonic Orchestra: conductor: Walter Weller. Soloist: Krystian Zimerman (piano). Radio 3.†

Radio 3

6.55 Weather. 7.00 News.

7.05 Morning Concert: Rossini's overture Il Signor Bruschino; Brahms's Two songs with Viola, Op 91 (Fagerland/Downes/Moore); Prokofiev's (arr Barshai) Visions Fugitives; Milhaud's Le boeuf sur le toit (Kremer, violin).† 8.00 News.

8.05 Morning Concert (contd): Boyce's Symphony No 7; Debussy's Sonata for flute, viola and harp; Rachmaninov's Etude-tableau in E flat minor, Op 39 No 5 (Peter Donohoe, piano); Hummel's Trumpet Concerto (Winton Marsalis, soloist).† 9.00 News.

9.05 This Week's Composer: Vivaldi. Concerto in C, RV 443; Beatus Vir, RV 597; Concerto in D minor, Op 3 No 11, RV 565.

10.00 Klemperer conducts Berlioz: Philharmonia play the Symphonie fantastique.†

11.00 Israel Piano Trio: Hans Werner Henze's Chamber Sonata (1948); Copland's Vitebsk; Shostakovich's Trio Op 67.†

11.55 BBC Philharmonic Orchestra: with Justus Czapski (piano). Weber's overture Oberon; Shostakovich's Piano Concerto No 2; Beethoven's Symphony No 5.† 1.00 News.

1.05 Clarinet and Piano: Ireland's Fantasy Sonata; Fauré's (arr Howard Ferguson) Two Duos; Howells's Sonata. Michael Collins (clarinet) and Kathryn Stott (piano).†

1.45 The Queen of Spades: Tchaikovsky's three-act opera, sung in Russian, with Netherlands Radio Philharmonic Orchestra (conductor Sergiu Comissiona). The libretto, after Pushkin, is by Modest Tchaikovsky. Singers include Mischa Raitzin, Anna Marangoni, Rosanna Rocca, Gerard van Dolder, Charles van Tassel, and Ursula van't Wout. Act 2 at 2.55, and Act 3 at 4.00. News at 4.55.

5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: another of Michael Berkeley's selections.†

6.30 Bandstand: Percy Fletcher's An Epic Symphony; and Henk Badings's Ciacona Seria. John Foster and Son Ltd Black Dyke Mills Band.†

7.00 The Politics of Thinking: Peter Hennessy of The Times talks of power and politicians with Lord Rothschild, biophysicist, and the first head of the Cabinet's "Think Tank" (r).

7.30 Proms 84: (see panel).†

8.20 The English Ayre: The Consort of Musicke in pieces from John Maynard's Twelve Wonders of the World, 1611.†

8.40 Proms 84: (see panel).†

9.45 Munich Musica Viva: Tomás Marco's Concierto Coral No 1 for violin and unaccompanied chorus (Francisco Romo, violin; Bavarian Radio Chorus); Lutoslawski's *Mi-parti*; also Ligeti's Scenes and Interludes from *le grand macabre*. This is a Bavarian Radio recording, and is the last programme in a series that has reflected the broadcasting company's current season of new concerts.

11.15 News. Until 11.18. VHF only – Open University: 11.20pm Writing about Art 11.40-12.00 Home Design.

Radio 2

News on the hour. Headlines 5.30 am, 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 (medium wave).† indicates also VHF stereo. 4.00am Martin Kelner.† 5.30 Bill Rennells.† 7.30 Terry Wogan.† 10.00 Paul Heiney.† 12.00 Steve Jones † including 1.05; 2.02 Sports Desk. 2.05 Gloria Hunniford † including 3.02 Sports Desk. 4.05 David Hamilton † including 5.05; 6.02 Sports Desk. 6.05 Ken Bruce † including 6.45 Sport and Classified Results (mf only). 7.30 Cricket Scores. 8.00 Wally Whyton introduces two hours of country music.† 10.00 Mooney's Mooney Magazine. Pat Mooney and friends in a comedy series. 10.30 Star Sound Extra. 11.00 Brian Matthew presents Round Midnight. Including 11.02, 12.05 Sports Desk (stereo from midnight). 1.00 am, Charles Nove presents Nightride.† 3.00-4.00 Among Your Souvenirs. Memories from Victorian and Edwardian times.†

Radio 1

News on the half hour from 6.30 am until 9.30 and at 12 midnight (medium wave).† Indicates also VHF stereo. 6.00 am Adrian John. 7.00 Mike Read. 9.00 Simon Bates. 11.30 Gary Davies including 12.30 Newsbeat. 2.00 Steve Wright. 4.30 Pete Powell including 5.30 Newsbeat. 7.00 Janice Long. 10.00-12.00am John Peel.† VHF Radios 1 & 2: 4.00am With Radio 2: 1.00pm With Radio 1. 7.30-4.00pm With Radio 2.

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk. 6.30 Nature Notebook. 6.40 The Farming World. 7.00 World News. 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 7.30 The Bouncing Checks. 7.45 Network UK. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Reflections. 8.15 Music For A While. 8.30 John Peel. 9.00 World News. 9.09 Review of the British Press. 9.15 The World Today. 9.30 Financial News. 9.40 Look Ahead. 9.45 Traveller's Tales. 10.15 Merchant of Menace. 11.00 World News. 11.09 News About Britain. 11.15 New Ideas. 11.25 The Week In Wales. 11.30 New Thoughts From The Right. 12.00 Radio Newsreel. 12.15 Top Twenty. 12.45 Sports Roundup. 1.00 World News. 1.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 1.30 Network UK. 1.45 The Prospects. Yours. 2.30 Traveller's Tales. 3.00 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 Outlook. 4.00 World News. 4.09 Commentary. 4.15 Assignment. 5.00 World News. 8.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 8.30 A Jolly Good Show. 9.15 Uncle Mac's Scrapbook. 9.30 In Bel Mazarine. 9.30 Business Matters. 10.00 World News. 10.09 The World Today. 10.25 The Week In Wales. 10.30 Financial News. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11.00 World News. 11.09 Commentary. 11.15 Merchant Navy Programme. 11.30 Meridian. 12.00 World News. 12.09 News About Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 Radio Theatre: A London Life. 1.15 Outlook. 1.45 Ulster Newsletter. 1.50 In the Meantime. 2.00 World News. 2.09 Review of the British Press. 2.15 Screen Partnerships. 2.30 Omnibus. 3.00 World News. 3.09 News About Britain. 3.15 The World Today. 3.30 Business Matters. 4.45 Financial News. 4.55 Reflections. 5.00 World News. 5.09 Twenty Four Hours. 5.45 The World Today.

(All times in GMT)

BBC 2

6.05 Open University: Pure Maths: Knots. 6.30 Comparing Trades Unions: 1. 6.55 Energy Resources: Alternatives. 7.20 Meanings of Meadows: 3. 7.45 Engineering: Non-Linearities. Ends at 8.10. 9.00 Ceefax.

5.00 The Tennessee Evolution Trial. An Open University production that examines the trial in 1925 when the accused was charged with teaching that man was descended from apes – contrary to the Bible's teaching which was accepted by the Tennessee authorities as the literal truth (r).

5.25 News summary with subtitles.

5.30 The 1984 US Open Tennis Championships. Highlights of yesterday's matches in the Women's quarter-finals.

6.00 Film: Billy Liar* (1963) starring Tom Courtenay and Julie Christie. Marvellously funny film adapted from the novel and the play by Keith Waterhouse and Willis Hall by the authors. Courtenay plays Billy Fisher, a clerk in a North Country firm of undertakers, who tries to escape from his humdrum world by inventing his own fantasy world – Ambrosia, of which he is the ruler. This constant day-dreaming leads him into conflict with his parents, his employer and the two girls to whom he is engaged. Directed by John Schlesinger.

7.35 Birth Right. Professor Peter Huntingford, in the last programme of his series, examines post-natal care. Professor Huntingford believes that there is too much advice for the new mother and that the main problem for the mother is to choose what is best for her.

8.00 The Time of Your Life. Noel Edmonds re-creates Christmas 1953 for his guest, Norman Wisdom. With Bill and Ben the Flowerpot Men; the Beverley Sisters; Lana Morris; Molly Parkin; and Pamela Hickey (r).

8.30 Farnborough 84. Raymond Baxter reports on the new aircraft to be seen at the show that opens to the public on Friday.

9.00 Jane in the Desert. Part four (of five) of the adventure starring Glynis Barber as Jane, the former Daily Mirror strip cartoon heroine who usually loses nearly all but her virtue.

9.15 Alas Smith and Jones. The second and final compilation of the best from Mel Smith's and Griff Rhys Jones's comedy series.

9.40 Pat Benatar in Concert. Highlights from a concert recorded in the United States featuring the award-winning rock singer.

10.10 Newsnight.

11.25 The 1984 US Open Tennis Championships. Highlights from the Men's singles quarter-finals in which Britain's John Lloyd is playing Jimmy Connors.

12.05 Open University: Data Dictionaries 12.30 Members of the Jury 12.55 Display and Recording. Ends at 1.25.

CHANNEL 4

2.30 TUC '84. Llew Gardner and Gus MacDonald in Brighton for the day's debates on topics concerning local government and international affairs.

12.45 Racing from York introduced by Brough Scott. Coverage of three races – the Polycell-Willis Carson Apprentice Challenge (1.00); the Sancton Stakes (1.30); and the Innovative Marketing Sprint (2.00).

2.15 TUC '84. Further coverage of the proceedings at Brighton.

5.00 Alice. Another escapade from the hectic life of the young widowed mother who works as a waitress in a Phoenix, Arizona, diner.

5.30 Bass is Beautiful. The final programme in the four-part series presented by American double bassist Gary Karr. (r).

6.00 World Alive: Spain. The series on the wildlife of Spain comes to an end with film of Bonelli's eagle and its prey, the ground-loving, red legged partridge, who is too intent on feeding to worry about predators overhead. But the partridge is not the only victim of the eagle. When it is time to feed its growing chicks, the eagle is skilled at taking rabbits.

6.30 How Did We Get To Here? presented by John Taylor. A follow-up discussion to last week's programme on the opportunities afforded by the new Youth Training Scheme. In the studio with John Taylor are Peter Morrison, minister of state, department of employment; Barry Sheerman, Labour spokesman on employment and Shirley Williams, president of the Social Democrat Party (r).

7.00 Channel Four News.

7.50 Comment from environmental consultant, Steve Elsworth.

8.00 Looks Familiar. Denis Norden and his guests, Ivy Benson, Dickie Henderson, George Melton and Ronnie Ronalde remember the variety days.

8.45 What the Papers Say. Edward Pearce of the Daily Telegraph reviews the press outpourings from Fleet Street and beyond during the past week.

9.00 Soap. The Tate household is reduced to tears by a pathetic tape recording from Jessica; Mary goes into labour at the time her sheriff husband, Burt and his deputy Danny are beaten up by a gangster named Tibbs.

9.30 Film: Biddy (1983) starring Celia Bannerman as a devoted nursemaid in Victorian England whose selfless devotion to her employers is casually accepted and finally rejected in the same manner. Directed by Christine Edzard. (see Choice)

11.10 Individual Voices: The Carla Bley Band. A portrait of the composer/arranger thought by many to have one of the most innovative talents working in the field of orchestration since Duke Ellington.

12.10 The Tudor Face. The miniatures of Isaac Oliver (r).

12.25 Closedown.

Radio 4

Programmes are long wave. † notes stereo on VHF.

6.00 News Briefing; weather.

6.10 Farming Today. 6.25 Shipping Forecast.

6.30 Today, including 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News summary. 6.45 Prayer for the Day. 6.55, 7.55 Weather. 7.00, 8.00 Today's News. 7.25, 8.25 Sport. 7.45 Thought for the Day.

8.43 Lady Addle Remembers, abridged in eight parts by Donald Bancroft (4). Read by Margot Boyd.

8.57 Rollercoaster. For the first of four regional editions, Marjorie Lofthouse and Jeffrey Archer invite you to join them at Pebble Mill, including 8.57 Weather. 9.00, 10.00, 11.00 News. 10.30 Morning Story: "Daisy Lane Holt" by Charlie Chester (and read by him). 10.45 An Act of Worship.

12.00 News; Darling Girl ... Yours Ever, Bimb. Second of two programmes in which Martin Jarvis reads extracts from a soldier's letter to his wife during the Second World War.

12.27 The Travelling Show. Globe trotting panel game. With Sandra Dickinson, Simon Hoggart, David Taylor and Christopher Matthew.

1.00 The World At One: News.

1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping.

2.00 News; Woman's Hour. Includes Kate Moon's report on the thousands of overseas students who come to Britain every year to learn the language. Also part two of The Fall of the Sparrow, by Nigel Balchin, read by John Westbrook.

3.00 Afternoon Theatre: The Docks, by Tunde Ikoli. With Brian Hall, Trevor Laird and Decima Francis. A former docker longs to be a poet. He fears for his manuscripts when his flat is broken into.†

4.00 News; Enquire Within. Neil Landor answers listeners' questions.

4.10 A Good Read. A choice of paperbacks. We hear the selection of Eleanor Bron and Shaun Sutton.

4.40 Story Time: "Act of Mercy" by Francis Clifford (4). Read by Sean Barrett.

5.00 PM News. 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather.

6.00 The Six O'Clock News; Financial Report.

6.30 Brain of Britain 1984: London and Home Counties (semi-final) (r).

7.00 News.

7.05 The Archers.

7.20 Writer on the Rates. Author and broadcaster David Sean reflects on his unexpected experiences as a writer-in-residence in a public library.

7.40 International Assignment.

8.10 Cataclysm. William Clark is joined by Sir John Hackett and Denis Healey to discuss his recent novel "Cataclysm: the North-South Conflict of 1987."

8.40 Take the Money and Run. Roy Fisher on the perils and rewards of public performance in his twin roles of poet and jazz pianist.

9.00 Does He Take Sugar? Magazine for disabled listeners.

9.30 The Seven Deadly Virtues. Terence Stalbert on what happens to virtues when they "go over the top" (5) Modesty.

9.45 Kaleidoscope. Includes comment on the RSC's Hamlet and the Danish painting exhibition at the National Gallery.

10.15 A Book at Bedtime: "Wide Sargasso Sea" by Jean Rhys (4). Read by Ian Holm and Jane Lapotaire.

10.30 The World Tonight, including 11.00 News headlines.

11.15 The Financial World Tonight.

11.30 Pride of the Parlour. Jeremy Siepmann casts a cynical eye on the history of music-making in the home.

12.00 News. 12.10 Weather. 12.15 Close. Shipping Forecast. VHF (available in England and S. Wales only). Radio 4 VHF is as above, except: 6.25-6.30 am Weather; Travel. 1.55-2.00 pm Listening Corner. 5.50-5.55 pm PM (continued). 11.00 Study on 4: Prefaces to Shakespeare. 11.30-12.10 am Open University: 11.30 Nomadic Art. 11.50 Why Study the State?

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/285m; 1089kHz/275m. Radio 2: 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m. Radio 3: 1215kHz/247m: VHF -90-92.5; Radio 4: 200kHz 1500m: VHF -92-95; LBC 1152kHz/261m; VHF 97.3; Capital: 1548kHz/194m: VHF 95.8; BBC Radio London 1458kHz/206m: VHF 94.9; World Service MF 648kHz/463m.

BBC1 WALES 1.27pm-1.30 News Headlines. 4.08-4.10 News of Wales Headlines. 5.30-5.58 Cartoon. 5.35-5.58 Wales Today. 6.50-6.55 The Pink Panther Show. 11.45-11.50 News and weather. SCOTLAND 1.25pm-1.30 The Scottish News. 6.30-6.55 Reporting Scotland. 11.45-11.50 News and weather. NORTHERN IRELAND 1.27pm-1.30 Northern Ireland News. 4.08-4.10 Northern Ireland News. 6.30-6.55 Inside Ulster. 11.45-11.50 News and weather. ENGLAND 6.30pm-6.55 Regional News Magazines.

S4C Starts 9.30am TUC. 12.45pm Racing from York. 2.15 Ffalabalam. 2.30 TUC. 4.55 Bys A Bawd. 5.10 Jam'i Jyngl. 5.35 Splash. 6.00 Brookside. 6.30 Mary Tyler Moore Show. 7.00 Newyddion Saith. 7.30 Ar Y Ffordd. 8.00 Irish RM. 9.00 Newid Byd. 9.30 Cant Pennillion. 10.15 Gloriana: Britten's opera. 1.10am Closedown.

BORDER As London except: 10.25am-12.00 Film: 2,000 Women* (Flora Robson). 1.20pm News. 1.30-2.30 Bring 'em Back Alive. 3.00 Ryan's Hope. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 5.00 Lookaround. 6.25-6.30 Crossroads. 12.15am News, Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: 9.55am Film: Fighting Stock (Tom Walls). 11.35-12.00 Home. 1.20pm News. 1.30-2.30 Champions. 5.00 News. 5.00 Crossroads. 6.00-6.50 Northern Life. 10.32* Are You Taking the Tablets? 11.00 Sweeney. 12.00* Brotherhood Movement is ... Close Down.

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

SCOTTISH As London except: 10.20am Asian Insights. 10.50 Chips. 11.45-12.00 Educational Film. 1.20pm News. 1.30-2.30 Shillingbury Tales. 3.00 That's My Dog. 3.30-4.00 Blockbusters. 5.10 Bodyline. 5.15 Tales At Teatime. 5.20-5.45 Crossroads. 6.00 Scotland Today. 6.30 Sheepdog Trials. 7.00 Take The High Road. 7.30 Now You See It. 8.00-8.30 Portrait of a Legend. 10.35 The Gaffer. 11.05 Late Call. 11.35 QED. 12.05am Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: 10.25am Island Wildlife. 11.15 Portraits of Power. 11.40-12.00 Kum Kum. 1.20pm Lunchtime. 1.30-2.30 Shillingbury Tales. 4.30-4.45 Good Evening Ulster. 6.25 Police Six. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00 Newsbeat. 7.30 Party with The Rovers. 8.00-8.30 Just Our Luck. 10.30 Counterpoint. 11.00 Falcon Crest. 11.55 News, Closedown.

HTV As London except: 10.25am Champions. 11.15 Boy of South-East Asia. 11.30-12.00 Home. 1.20pm News. 1.30-2.30 Shillingbury Tales. 6.00 News. 6.30-6.50 Crossroads. 10.30 Nothing but the Best. 11.00 Shelley. 11.30 Teachers Only. 12.00 Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: 6.00pm-6.25 Wales at Six. 10.30-11.00 Alternatives.

GRANADA As London except: 9.25am Dick Tracy. 9.30 Asian Insights. 10.00 Star Fleet. 10.20 Unusual World. 10.45 Home. 11.10 Struggle Beneath The Sea. 11.35-12.00 Laurel and Hardy*. 1.20pm Granada Reports. 1.30-2.30 Devlin Connection. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 5.00 This Is Your Right. 5.05 Crossroads. 5.30-6.30 Granada Reports. 11.30am Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: 9.25am Once Upon a Time. 9.50 Fascinating Thailand. 10.15 Printmaker. 10.30-12.00 Film: Lady Vanishes.* 12.25pm Folk Tales. 12.40-1.00 Contact. 1.20 News. 1.30-2.30 Champions. 6.00 Crossroads. 6.25-6.50 Shillingbury Tales. 6.00 Crossroads. 10.30 Contrasts. 11.30 Mysteries of Edgar Wallace.* 12.25am Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except: 10.25am Nature of Flying Kiwi. 1.20pm News. 1.30-2.30 Country Practice. 6.00 Summer At Six. 6.25-6.50 Crossroads. 10.30 Police News. 100.35 Kojak. 11.35 Sounds Gaelic. 12.05am That's Hollywood. 12.35 News, Closedown.

TSW As London except: 10.25am-12.00 Film: 2000 Women* (Flora Robson). 1.20pm News. 1.30 Jeanie Loves Chachi. 2.00-2.30 University challenge. 5.15 Gus Honeybun. 5.20-5.45 Crossroads. 6.00 Today South West. 6.20-6.50 That's My Dog. 11.30 Jazz. 12.00 Postscript, Closedown.

CHANNEL As London except: Starts 12.00-12.10pm Haggerty Haggerty. 1.20 News. 1.30 Jeanie Loves Chachi. 2.00 2.30 University Challenge. 5.15-5.45 Beverly Hillbillies*. 6.00 Channel Report. 6.35-6.50 Crossroads. 12.00 Closedown.

TVS As London except: 10.25am Once Upon a Time ... Man. 10.55 Short Story. 11.20 Matt and Jenny. 11.50-12.00 Cartoon. 1.20pm News. 1.30-2.30 Shillingbury Tales. 3.00 Superstar Profile. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 6.00 Coast to Coast. 6.25-6.50 Crossroads. 10.30 Yellow Rose. 11.30 Mysteries of Edgar Wallace*. 12.30am Company, Closedown.

ANGLIA As London except: 10.25am Folk Tales. 10.40 Adventurer. 11.05 Wild Canada. 11.25-12.00 Wattoo, Wattoo. 1.20pm News. 1.30-2.30 Shillingbury Tales. 6.00 About Anglia. 6.25-6.50 Crossroads. 10.00 News At Ten. 10.30 Glory Of The Garden. 11.00 Short Story. 11.30 Star Parade. 12.30am As The Actress Said To The Bishop, Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 10.25am Standby ... Lights! Camera! Action! 11.10 Gulliver. 11.35-12.00 Home. 12.20pm-1.00 Calendar. 1.20 News. 1.30-2.30 Love Boat. 6.00 Calendar. 6.25-6.50 Crossroads. 10.30 Rugby League. 11.00 Streets of San Francisco. 12.45am Closedown.

WHAT THE SYMBOLS MEAN † Stereo. ☆ Black and white. (r) Repeat

Entertainments

London cleanup after fire spreads asbestos

An emergency cleaning up operation is under way after a factory blaze showered an extensive area of north and west London with potentially dangerous asbestos.

One hundred and twenty asbestos removal specialists have been contracted to vacuum up asbestos fall-out from the borough of Brent. Priority is being given to schools, nurseries and play areas.

Also, 60,000 residents have been warned by leaflet not to touch the material.

The blaze, at the Claremont industrial estate in Cricklewood, north-west London, on August 24, the biggest in London for 15 years, needed 200 firemen to bring it under control.

The main damage was to a bonded warehouse belonging to McGregor Cory, which contained an estimated £4m of spirits. Two adjoining warehouses containing tea, coffee, clothing, and electrical items, were also damaged.

At the time no danger from asbestos fall-out was known.

But five days later urgent action was taken after a Brent council asbestos specialist identified charred material on a housing estate.

A small team of council workers moved into the area, three miles from the fire to clean up.

On August 30 warning leaflets in English, Urdu and Gujarati were circulated to 250 households on the council estate in Gladstone Park, Brent.

A 24-hour emergency help line was set up in the borough. Since then 500 calls have been received from residents finding flakes of asbestos in homes annd gardens.

The council's health and safety advisor, Mr Ron Dalziel, who is heading the operation, predicted last night that it would take at least another two weeks to clear the area. A total of 170 sacks of asbestos, about 1.5 tons, have been recovered from the contaminated area in Brent.

One problem is that cleared areas are recontaminated by gusts of wind blowing dust from trees and rooftops.

Burning flakes of asbestos were carried 200 feet into the air. The wind, which at first was blowing south-easterly and northerly, then started to swirl at seven knots.

Experts fear a much larger area than the five square miles of Brent has been contaminated.

Charred flakes of asbestos have been found in the neighbouring boroughs of Barnet, where the fire started, Camden, Harrow and Ealing.

Local health and safety officers are taking advice from the Brent team.

Firemen who dealt with the blaze have identified the asbestos from roof linings in warehouses as the chrysotile, or white type, which has traditionally been thought to be less harmful.

But, Mr Dalzies said: "The problem with asbestos is that we have no idea just how harmful it can be. But if disturbed the material produces asbestos dust fibres which have been known to cause lung cancer."

There is no known safe exposure limit to asbestos. Mr John Gummer, the Minister of State for Employment, told the Commons last year: "We must assume that a single fibre could do real damage which may not been seen for 20 years or more".

Most of the charred asbestos came from the roof linings of the warehouses. Some is also believed to have been used for wall insulation.

Chrysotile, has been valued for its tensile strength as a filler, in addition to its fireproof properties

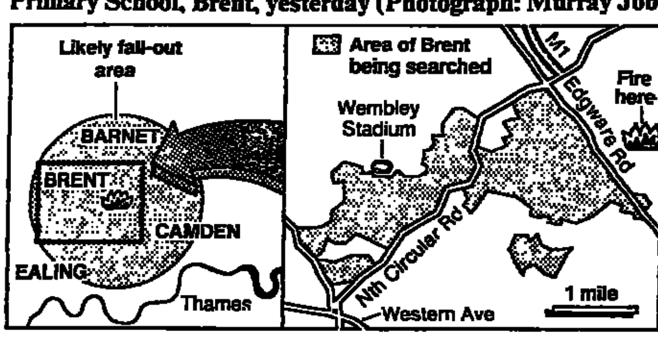
London borough councillors are calling for a test procedure to be enforced to alert authorities if asbestos is damaged by fire.

The Cricklewood fire could also produce one of the largest insurance claims ever made in Britain. Balcombes, the loss assessors acting for the landlord, the Church Commissioners, estimate the cost at £150m.

This compares with £72.5m for the fire at a British Aerospace warehouse in Weybridge, Surrey, in 1980 and £30m for a blaze that year at Alexandra Palace.



Children watching asbestos removal contractors at Elsley Primary School, Brent, yesterday (Photograph: Murray Job)



Teachers will fight another day

By Colin Hughes

Both sides in the teachers' pay dispute are already preparing themselves for an even longer haul into next year's negotiations after the 5.1 per cent award by arbitrators.

Union leaders, disappointed with their failure to win more than an average £9 a week more out of this year's five-month dispute, yesterday predicted that the 1985 pay round would bring more prolonged disruptive action in schools.

Mr Fred Jarvis, general secretary of the 235,000-member National Union of Teachers, said that selective strikes and sanctions which hit most schools last term would probably be renewed early next year.

Employers, however, were choosing to emphasize that the teachers' best hope of improving their pay must now lie in negotiating a new a new salary structure.

The NUT has already laid down its marker for the coming contest. Its executive is recommending a claim for a £1,200 flat rate increase next year, which is expected to be agreed at a special delegates conference in Scarborough at the end of this month. It also wants the existing five-scale salary structure scrapped, and replaced with a single grade ranging from £6,800 to £14,000. The full claim would give teachers an extra 31 per cent over two years, and add £1,200m to the £4,128m annual salary bill.

It is certain to be unacceptable to the employers. Although anxious to restructure salaries, they want to include changes in teachers' contracts which would oblige them to go through annual assessment performance.

Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education and Science, has said he will attempt to persuade the Prime Minister to make more money available for a reconstructed salary deal, but only if it meets those stringent conditions.

Employers and some leaders of smaller unions are hoping that with arbitration out of the way, restructuring talks can be revived. Mr David Hart, general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, yesterday said that teachers who are understandably disappointed by the arbitration award should now realize that their best hope lies in restructuring.

Mulroney crushes Liberals in Canada

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new Government. Mr Boradbent held his seat in Oshawa, Ontario.

Mr Turner's personal success came after polls had shown him trailing his Conservative opponent in Quadra, but a last-minute onslaught with members of his family swung the outcome. Fifteen Liberal ministers lost their seats.

After the full extent of the debacle had become known, a surprisingly bouyant Mr Turner said it was obvious that the people had wanted change – "and in a free society, the people are always right. Tomorrow, I begin my task of rebuilding the Liberal Party".

Mr Mulroney told a jubilant throng packed into an ice hockey arena in his home town of Baie Comeau, Quebec: "Our mandate is clear and precise. It is to create jobs and get the economy of Canada moving

Baie Comeau is in the sprawling, St Lawrence-North Shore riding of Manicouagan, where Mr Mulroney, aged 45, ousted a Liberal who had won by a wide margin in 1980.

The Tory leader said his Government would try to establish a new and attractive climate for domestic and international investment in Canada. One of his constant campaign themes was that the Liberals had scared off potential investors with restrictive and nationalistic economic policies.

Mr Mulroney ended his victory speech with an appeal for unity and national reconciliation, saying that he forsaw "a new day for Quebec and a brand new day for this wonderful Canada".

Many supporters of the provincial Parti Quebecois Government which still officially advocates independence, worked for the Tories in the campaign.

Mulroney profile, page 7
Leading article, page 13

Security talks

The Commissioners of the Metropolitan Police in London and the Irish Republic's police had secret talks in Dublin last Monday.

Drug verdict

An inquest jury in Dublin yesterday returned a verdict that Mr Niall Rush died of heart failure after a drug he had been voluntarily testing interacted with another

Letter from Felixstowe

An unhappy hunting ground for pickets

A strike placard nailed to a length of wood was wedged amongst a pile of stones like a makeshift memorial on a new grave.

Beside it, in the early morning light on a windswept roundabout near the entrance to gate one at the Port of Felixstowe stood four pickets from Southampton Docks.

Past them, in their new cars, swept the 450 Felixstowe dockers on their way to work on the early shift.

That was the scene yesterday at the Suffolk container port where the national dock strike appears to be dying on its feet.

Felixstowe, testifying to the rewards of private enterprise, is the largest container port in Britain, handling nearly a quarter of Britain's container movements, and is among the top 20 container ports in the world.

Inside the dock gates yesterday 20 vessels were being loaded or unloaded and 17,000 containers handled. More than 2,000 lorries swept past the dispirited pickets with cargoes as varied as T-shirts, videos, televisions, engineering parts, tea, and coffee.

Work vote after reluctant strike

Reluctant participants for a week during the first dock strike this summer, all the 1,150 Felixstowe dockers bar five voted to carry on working.

That may be because in a port where with overtime £20,000 a year can be earned and membership of both BUPA and the local Conservative Association, is not uncommon, the men prefer their hard earned home comforts to taking industrial action on behalf of Arthur Scargill.

The Felixstowe docker is reluctant publicly to discuss his decision to carry on working for fear of attracting more determined picketing from fellow members of the Transport and General Workers Union.

One man did say: "Bugger Scargill. The first strike may have been over a genuine threat to the National Dock Labour Scheme, even if we are outside it, and we were bound to uphold it. But this one has worn our patience a bit thin.

"How could anyone say it isn't blatantly political? It's nothing to do with dock work. It's just political support for the miners."

Felixstowe, where a tiny dock was first established a century ago, has grown rapidly since Mr Gordon Parker, a Norfolk grain merchant, bought it 30 years ago.

European Ferries, which owns Townsend Thoresen, bought the docks in 1976, by which time the first purpose-built container terminal in the United Kingdom had been in existence for nine years. Since the takeover, the owners have pumped £60m into the port for new machinery, quays, and two new terminals.

Prime target for militants

In October, work will begin on a further £47m investment which will bring the number of terminals to five by mid-1986.

The productivity record of the port, which overtook London as Britain's top container port in 1981, is phenomenal.

The number of containers handled has risen from 134,103 in 1973 to 456,666 last year, and the combined exports and imports cargo from 3.4 million tonnes to 8.5 million in the same period.

Mr Geoffrey Parker, the port's chairman, who admits that Felixstowe is a prime target for TGWU militants if the strike is to succeed, said: "People say we are lucky to have such good industrial relations, but we find the harder we work at them the luckier we get."

The fine record of public relations is attributed to the fact that the TGWU alone represents the workforce, and to an open door policy under which every employer has access to senior management.

More importantly, however, the Felixstowe workers are first generation dockers who left agricultural and light engineering jobs to begin work in the docks.

None had the example of a father or grandfather who, in grimmer times, hoped his face would fit before being given a day's work.

"It's a young port, and there's no tradition here," one of the Southampton pickets said. "They don't know the battles that have been fought in the past. It's disheartening. But we're not going to go away."

Michael Horsnell

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Today's events

Royal engagements

The Duke of Gloucester opens Loddington Hall Residential Training Centre, nr Kettering, Northampton, 10.30.

The Duke of Kent attends the Farnborough International Aerospace Exhibition and Flying Display, Farnborough, Surrey, 10.45.

Prince Michael of Kent, as president of the Institute of the Motor Industry, visits the Goodyear Tyre Company facilities in Luxemburg, departs from Luton airport, 10.

New exhibitions

Traditional kelims from Afghanistan and Central Asia; Cobb Nmill, Mill Lane, Hurstpierpoint, West Sussex; 10 to 7 (ends today).

Last chance to see

Horses on Wheels, paintings by Martin Rayner, Lyth Arts Centre, Lyth; 10 to 6 (ends today).

Music

Organ recital by Colin Walsh, Swanage Parish Church, Swanage, Dorset, 8.

Exhibitions in progress

Semi Detached: pictures of people and places, Graves Art Gallery, Surrey St, Sheffield; Mon to Sat 10 to 8, Sun 2 to 5. (ends Sept 16).

Channel tunnel: a lesson in hope, Ironbridge Gorge Museum, Elton Gallery, Ironbridge, Telford; Mon to Sun 10 to 6. (ends Oct 7).

Paintings by Hamish Macdonald, Maclaurin Art Gallery, Rozelle Park, Ayr; Mon to Sat 11 to 5, Sun 2 to 5. (until Sept 24).

Snowdonia: Substance and Shadow, works by David Woodford, National Museum of Wales, Oriel Eryri, Llanberis, Gwynedd; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 1.30 to 5. (ends Sept 30).

Curwen Studio Prints, Halesworth Gallery, Steeple End, Halesworth, Suffolk; Mon to Sat 11 to 5, Sun 3 to 6. (ends Sept 7).

Gouaches and drawings by Alan Davie, Sculpture by Martin Murray, Festival Gallery, Pierrepont Pl, Bath; Tues to Sat 11 to 5. (ends Sept 8).

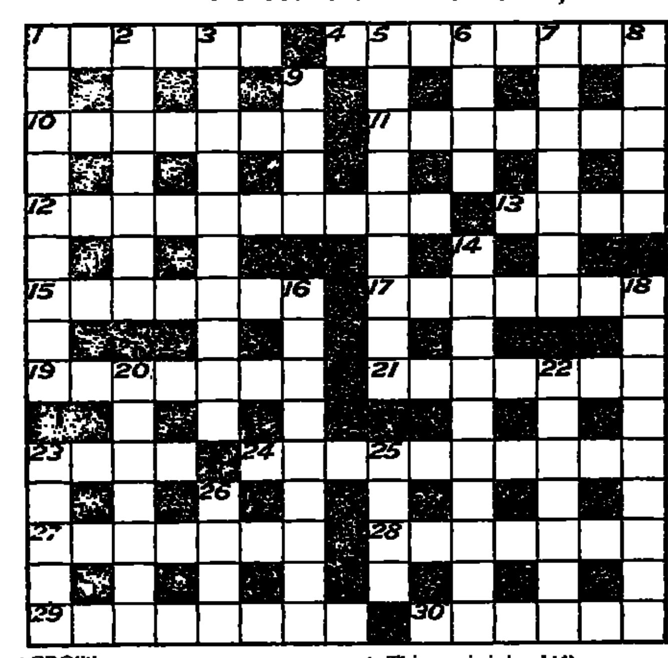
Work by Robert Medley, Bolton Museum and Art Gallery, Le Mans Cresent, Bolton; Mon to Fri 9.30 to 5.30, Sat 10 to 5, Wed and Sun closed. (ends Sept 8).

Talks and lectures

Ceramics and lino printing by Muriel Macintyre and Gladys McAvoy, Museum and Art Gallery, Castle Wynd, Inverness, 9 to 5.

The Hakon Hakonsson lecture, by Peter Addyman, Largs Viking Festival, Clark Memorial Church Hall, Largs, 8.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,528



ACROSS

1 Puerto Rico to expel writer (6).
4 Brisk single – looked sharp about it too (8).
10 On strike to get increase, become too big for one's boots, perhaps (7).
11 Cut in, so returned to Edward (7).
12 Ancestor gives pointer to go right maybe (10).
13 Sounds English, like hard water (4).
15 Notes assessed like some minerals (7).
17 Getting angered, exploded (7).
19 They show up old attitudes (7).
21 Successfully conclude account with serpent's original greeting (7).
23 Classic salve for bad weather (4).
24 Maybe whisky measures swallowed in study time (10).
27 About to unite, perhaps, following . . . (7).
28 . . . stirring direction for musicians (7).
29 Fellow caught in hold-up is a pleasure-seeker (8).
30 "One fine day" in authentic show (6).

DOWN

1 Poor pop has the chemical (9).
2 No coverage for these games (7).
3 Examination by riddle would-be film star must undergo (6,4).
5 Nightingale, when preceding a princess of Athens (9).
6 This music is hard (4).
7 Having experience, thanks to pain (7).
8 Father may become divine in time (5).
9 Kashmir, where an ice-floe starts the picture river (4).
14 Can be gripping, hanging around the lady's back (10).
16 Finds entertainment with some poetry? Not quite (9).
18 Fuel spilt, so lie idle (6,3).
20 Showed the way with emphasis (7).
22 Send out Oriental servant, having dined (7).
23 Cruel Shah, right to be ruined (5).
25 Wooden town (4).
26 Article concerning the unknown (4).

Solution of Puzzle No 16,527



The national final of the Collins Dictionaries Times Crossword Championship is on Sunday at the Park Lane Hotel, London, at 1.30 pm, admission £2.

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National Day

The southern African nation of Swaziland celebrates its Independence Day today. Previously under British administration, the Kingdom of Swaziland came into being in April, 1967, and became an independent member of the Commonwealth on September 6, 1968. Crown Prince Makhosetive, aged 16, was named as heir to the throne after the death of King Sobhuza II in 1982, and will succeed when he is 21. In the meantime, Queen Ntombi is acting as Regent, with the title of Ndlovukazi (she-elephant).

Anniversaries

Births: Marie-Joseph, Marquis de Lafayette, statesman and soldier who fought against the British in the American War of Independence, Ghavaniac, France, 1757; John Dalton, chemist and physicist, Eaglesfield, Cumbria, 1766.

Hendrik Verwoerd, president of South Africa 1958-66, was assassinated, Cape Town, 1966.

£250,000 bond

The winner of the monthly £250,000 Premium Bond prize with number 24ZF 451168 lives in Hackney, east London.

New books – paperbacks

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week:

Fiction
Nuns and Mothers, by Aileen La Tourette (Virago, £3.95)
The Rash Act, by Ford Madox Ford (Carcanet, £3.95)

Non Fiction
As I Please, by Jimmy Reid (Mainstream, £4.95)
Houses in the Landscape, A Regional Study of Vernacular Building Styles in England and Wales, by John and Jane Penoyre (Faber, £5.25)
King Charles I, by Pauline Gregg (Dent, £5.25)
Margaret Thatcher, Wife, Mother, Politician, by Penny Junor (Sidgwick & Jackson, £1.95)
The Banished Body, An Exploration of Nakedness, by Paul Ableman (Sphere, £1.95)
The History of the World Cup, by Brian Glanville (Faber, £5.95)
The Letters of Gustave Flaubert, edited and translated by Francis Steegmuller (Faber, £6.95)
The Making of Modern London, 1914-1939, by Gavin Weightman and Steve Humphries (Sidgwick & Jackson, £8.95)

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Roads

Midlands: A50: Contraflow in operation along Uttoexeter by-pass. A446: Contraflow in operation along Coleshill by-pass. M6: Contraflow between junctions 3 (Bedworth) and 4 (Airport).

Wales and West: A420: Chippenham to Wooton Road, temporary traffic lights at Lyneham Banks, Wiltshire. A390: Roadworks in St Ives, delays. A388: Roadworks at Moorside, delays.

North: A19: Major construction work between Borrowby and south of Thirsk, lane closures, diversions. A6125: Strenghthening work around Great North Road, Newcastle, single line traffic. A1: Bridge waterproofing between Testos round-about and Tyne Tunnel, south Tyneside. Single line traffic.

Scotland: A726: Bridge construction and road realignment single line traffic with temporary lights at Barnsford Bridge, north of M8 (junction 9). A77: Lane closures due to resurfacing and kerbing work 2 miles south of Newton Mearns. A8: Kerbing, drainage and resurfacing west of Kee Chapelhall, westbound carriageway closed, contraflow westbound.

Information supplied by the AA

Canal restrictions

Due ot the drought the British Waterways Board imposed further restrictions on canals in north Staffordshire and south Cheshire yesterday.

Locks will remain closed between 4.00pm and 10.00am on the Lower Peak Forest canal near Macclesfield, and the Trent and Mersey canal between Middlewich and Stone. From 4.00pm next Saturday the Trent and Mersey between Kidsgrove and Middlewich will be closed indefinitely. Seventeen miles of the Caldon canal from Etruria, Stoke-on-Trent to Leek has already been closed.

PC Bishop appeal

Essex County Council has launched a fund for the widow and family of Police Constable Brian Bishop who died on August 27 from gunshot wounds received in an incident at Frinton.

Donations can be made in cash or by cheque to any Essex police staion; County Hall, Chelmsford; or any branch of Barclays Bank (account number 30196894; sorting code 20 19 95). Cheques should be made payable to the PC Brian Bishop Fund.

The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	1.60	1.55
Austria Sch	27.75	26.15
Belgium Fr	79.70	75.70
Canada $	1.72	1.65
Denmark Kr	14.26	13.56
Finland Mkk	8.23	7.83
France Fr	11.94	11.44
Germany DM	3.91	3.72
Greece Dr	158.00	147.00
Hongkong $	10.46	9.88
Ireland Pt	1.27	1.21
Italy Lira	2395.00	2295.00
Japan Yen	328.00	322.00
Netherlands Gld	4.41	4.20
Norway Kr	11.17	10.67
Portugal Esc	201.00	192.00
South Africa Rd	2.24	2.10
Spain Pta	219.50	209.50
Sweden Kr	11.20	10.70
Switzerland Fr	3.27	3.11
USA $	1.32	1.27
Yugoslavia Dnr	247.00	232.00

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

Retail Price Index: 351.5.

London: The *FT* index closed up 1.6 at 839.9.

Writing awards

The closing date for the 1985 Eric Gregory Trust Fund Award for young poets is October 31. Candidates must be under the age of 30 on March 31, 1985. Last year six awards were made totalling £10,000.

Applications for the Tom-Gallon Trust Award for fiction writers of limited means must be made by September 20. Details on both awards from: Society of Authors, 84 Drayton Gdns, London, SW10 9SB.

Portfolio

Portfolio – how to play

Monday–Saturday record your daily Portfolio total.

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If your total matches the published weekly dividend figure you have won outright or a share of the prize money stated for that week, and must claim your prize as instructed below.

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The above instructions are applicable to both daily and weekly dividend claims.

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● The wording of Rules 2 and 3 has been expanded from earlier versions for clarification purposes. The Game itself is not affected and will continue to be played in exactly the same way as before.

● Rules will appear again in Friday's paper.

Weather forecast

A ridge of high pressure is settling over the UK.

6am to midnight

London, SE England, E Anglia: Sunny periods, scattered developing, wind moderate becoming light, max temp 16c (61F).

Cen S, E, Cen N England, Midlands, Channel Islands: dry, sunny periods, wind variable light, max temp 17C (63F). Dry, sunny periods, wind variable light, temp 18C (64F).

Isle of Man, Borders, Edinburgh Dundee, Aberdeen, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Cen Highlands, Moray Firth, Argyll, N Ireland: Dry, sunny intervals, wind variable mainly light, max temp 18C (64F).

NE, NW, Orkney, Shetlands: Rather cloudy, a little light rain or drizzle at times, wind S or SW light or moderate, max temp 15c (59F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Saturday: Mostly dry in the S but rather unsettled in the N.

SEA PASSAGES: S North Sea, Straits of Dover: Wind N fresh becoming moderate, showers, visibility good, sea moderate becoming slight. English Channel (E): Wind N light or moderate, fair, visibility good, sea slight. St George's Channel, Irish Sea: Wind light variable, fair, visibility good, sea smooth.

Sun rises: 6.21 am | Sun sets: 7.35 pm
Moon rises: 1.31 am | Moon sets: 6.43 pm
Full Moon: September 10

Lighting-up time

London 8.05 pm to 5.53 am
Bristol 8.15 pm to 6.03 am
Edinburgh 8324 pm to 5.59 am
Manchester 8.16 pm to 5.59 am
Penzance 8.25 pm to 6.16 am

London

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 15C (59F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 9C (48F). Humidity: 6 pm, 72 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, trace in. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm, 6.5hr Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1020.2 millibars, rising. 1,000 millibars=29.53in.

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	c	13	55	Guernsey	s	14	57
Birmingham	c	14	57	Inverness	c	13	55
Blackpool	f	14	57	Jersey	f	14	57
Bristol	c	14	57	London	c	14	57
Cardiff	f	15	59	Manchester	c	14	57
Edinburgh	c	13	55	Newcastle	o	12	54
Glasgow	c	14	57	Ronaldsway	s	15	59

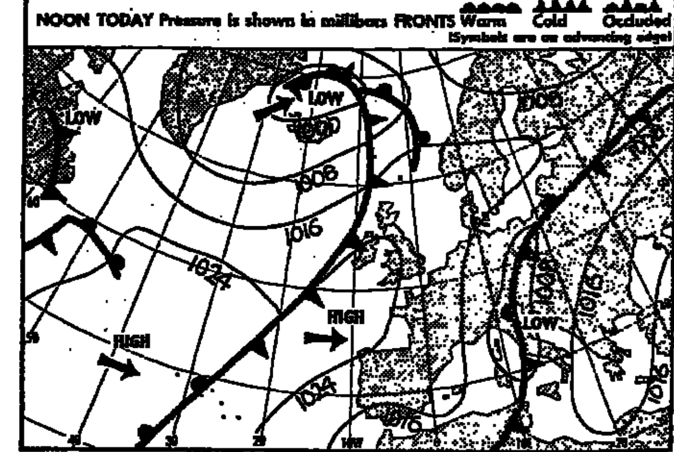
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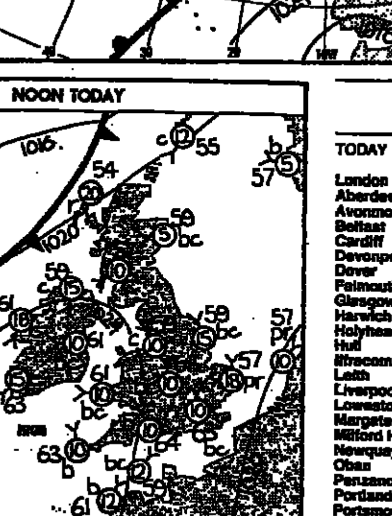
Yesterday: Highest day temp: Isles of Scilly 19C (66F); lowest day max: Liphook 2C (36F); highest rainfall: Jersey 0.59 in; highest sunshine: Anglesey 10.8 hr.

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b–blue sky; bc–blue sky and cloud; c–cloudy; o–overcast; f–fog; d–drizzle; h–hail; m–mist; r–rain; s–snow; th–thunderstorm; p–showers. Arrows show wind direction, wind speed (mph) circled; temperatures fahrenheit.

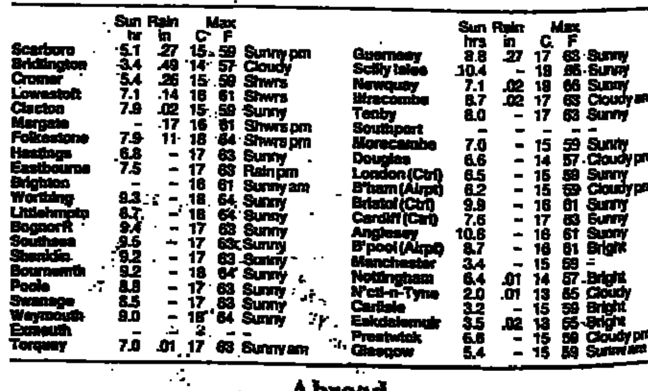
High tides

TODAY

	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	11 47	5.9		
Aberdeen			12.02	3.5
Avonmouth	5.02	9.9	5.28	10.6
Belfast	9 22	3.0	9.44	3.2
Cardiff	4.47	9.3	5.23	9.9
Devonport	3.44	4.2	4.14	4.6
Dover	9.26	5.5	10.04	5 6
Falmouth	3.14	4.0	3.44	4.4
Glasgow	10.59	3.9	11.52	4 1
Harwich	9.45	3.4	10.21	3.8
Holyhead	9.05	4.6	9.16	4.9
Hull	4.15	6.0	5.10	6.0
Ilfracombe	4.05	7.0	4.39	7.5
Leith	12.30	4.6	1.12	4.8
Liverpool	9.39	7.6	10.0	8.1
Lowestoft	7.25	2.2	8.24	2.2
Margate	10.00	4.0	10.55	4.2
Milford Haven	4.27	5.3	4.56	5.8
Newquay	3.23	5.4	3.51	5.8
Oban	5.01	3.0	5.08	3.3
Penzance	2.52	4.2	3.20	4 6
Portland	4.57	1.4	5.19	1.7
Portsmouth	10.02	3.9	10.14	3.9
Shoreham	9.27	4.9	9.58	5.0
Southampton	9.41	3.9	9.53	3.9
Swansea	4.24	7.4	4.55	7.8
Tees	1.38	4.4	2.27	4.6
Walton-on-Naze	9.44	3.5	10.23	3.7

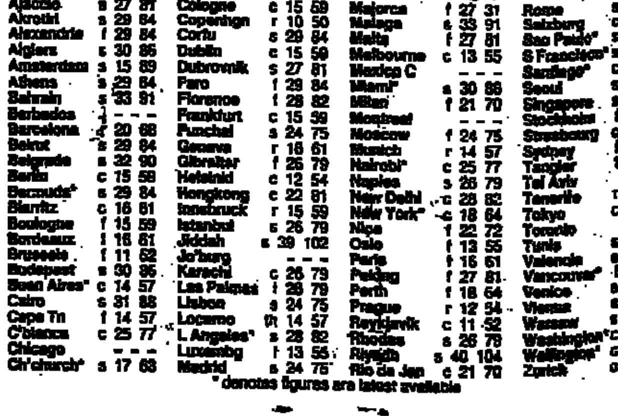
Tide measurement in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

Around Britain



	Sun hr	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	5.1	.27	15	59	Sunny pm	Guernsey	8.8	.27	17	63	Sunny
Bridlington	3.4	.49	14	57	Cloudy	Scilly Isles	10.4	–	19	66	Sunny
Cromer	5.4	.26	15	59	Shwrs	Newquay	7.1	.02	19	66	Sunny
Lowestoft	7.1	.14	16	61	Shwrs	Ilfracombe	8.7	.02	17	63	Cloudy am
Clacton	7.9	.02	15	59	Sunny	Tenby	8.0	–	17	63	Sunny
Margate	–	.17	16	61	Shwrs pm	Southport	–	–	–	–	–
Folkestone	7.9	.11	18	64	Shwrs pm	Morecambe	7.0	–	15	59	Sunny
Hastings	6.8	–	17	63	Sunny	Douglas	6.6	–	14	57	Cloudy pm
Eastbourne	7.5	–	17	63	Rain pm	London (Ctrl)	6.5	–	15	59	Sunny
Brighton	–	–	16	61	Sunny am	B'ham (Airpt)	6.2	–	15	59	Cloudy pm
Worthing	9.3	–	18	64	Sunny	Bristol (Ctrl)	9.9	–	16	61	Sunny
Littlehmptn	8.7	–	18	64	Sunny	Cardiff (Ctrl)	7.6	–	17	63	Sunny
Bognor R	9.4	–	17	63	Sunny	Anglesey	10.8	–	16	61	Sunny
Southsea	9.5	–	17	63	Sunny	B'pool (Airpt)	8.7	–	16	61	Bright
Sandown	9.2	–	17	63	Sunny	Manchester	3.4	–	15	59	–
Bournemth	9.2	–	18	64	Sunny	Nottingham	6.4	.01	14	57	Bright
Poole	8.8	–	17	63	Sunny	N'cstl-n-Tyne	2.0	.01	13	55	Cloudy
Swanage	8.5	–	17	63	Sunny	Carlisle	3.2	–	15	59	Bright
Weymouth	9.0	–	18	64	Sunny	Eskdalemuir	3.5	.02	13	55	Bright
Exmouth	–	–	–	–	–	Prestwick	6.8	–	15	59	Cloudy pm
Torquay	7.0	.01	17	63	Sunny am	Glasgow	5.4	–	15	59	Sunny am

Abroad



MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow.

		C	F			C	F			C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	s	27	81	Cologne	c	15	59	Majorca	f	27	31	Rome	s	26	79
Akrotiri	s	29	84	Copenhgn	r	10	50	Malaga	s	33	91	Salzburg	c	18	64
Alexandria	f	29	84	Corfu	s	29	84	Malta	f	27	81	Sao Paulo*	s	24	75
Algiers	s	30	86	Dublin	c	15	59	Melbourne	c	13	55	S Francisco*	s	22	72
Amsterdam	s	15	59	Dubrovnik	s	27	81	Mexico C	–	–	–	Santiago*	c	12	72
Athens	s	29	84	Faro	f	29	84	Miami*	s	30	86	Seoul	s	27	81
Bahrain	s	33	91	Florence	f	28	82	Milan	f	21	70	Singapore	s	31	88
Barbados	–	–	–	Frankfurt	c	15	59	Montreal	–	–	–	Stockholm	f	12	54
Barcelona	s	20	68	Funchal	s	24	75	Moscow	f	24	75	Strasbourg	c	13	55
Beirut	s	29	84	Geneva	r	16	61	Munich	r	14	57	Sydney	f	12	54
Belgrade	s	32	90	Gibraltar	f	26	79	Nairobi*	c	25	77	Tangier	f	13	54
Berlin	c	15	59	Helsinki	c	12	54	Naples	s	26	79	Tel Aviv	–	–	–
Bermuda*	s	29	84	Hongkong	c	22	81	New Delhi	c	28	82	Tenerife	r	25	77
Biarritz	c	16	61	Innsbruck	r	15	59	New York*	c	18	64	Tokyo	c	26	79
Boulogne	f	15	59	Istanbul	s	26	79	Nice	f	22	72	Toronto	–	–	–
Bordeaux	f	16	61	Jiddah	s	39	102	Oslo	f	13	55	Tunis	s	34	93
Brussels	f	11	52	Jo'burg	–	–	–	Paris	f	16	61	Valencia	s	28	82
Budapest	s	30	86	Karachi	c	26	79	Peking	f	27	81	Vancouver*	f	16	61
Buen Aires*	c	14	57	Las Palmas	f	26	79	Perth	f	18	64	Venice	s	25	77
Cairo	s	31	88	Lisbon	s	24	75	Prague	r	12	54	Vienna	s	25	77
Cape Tn	f	14	57	Locarno	th	14	57	Reykjavik	c	11	52	Warsaw	s	28	84
C'blanca	c	25	77	L Angeles*	s	28	82	Rhodes	s	26	79	Washington*	c	21	71
Chicago	–	–	–	Luxembg	f	13	55	Riyadh	s	40	104	Wellington*	c	21	54
Ch'church*	s	17	63	Madrid	s	24	75	Rio de Jan	c	21	70	Zurich	c	14	57

* denotes figures are latest available

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